

## Nereids 'Can't stop the rhythm'

The Nereids celebrate music, new royalty at 38th annual bal masque.

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## A crowning achievement

Hancock County's Starr Chapman is crowned queen of New Orleans' Krewe of Iris.

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**Thursday**  
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### New shooting club meets at Kiln today

The Hancock County 4-H Field and Stream Program will be starting a new season shortly. Anyone interested in participating in the new Shooting Sports Club should attend on Feb. 5, at the Kiln Library, Hwy 603, at 6 p.m. For more information contact the Mississippi State University Extension Office at 3064 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis, MS, 228-467-5456.

### Republican Women convene at D'head

The Hancock County Republican Women's Club will meet Thursday, Feb. 5, at the Diamondhead Country Club at 11 a.m.

### Chicken, fish fry at St. Rock UMC Sat.

The St. Rock United Methodist Church Women will sponsor a chicken and fish fry this Saturday at the church beginning at 11 a.m. All are welcome.

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## Reward offered in Pearlington arson



Ronnie Cuevas, Hancock Co. Sheriff's Department administrator.

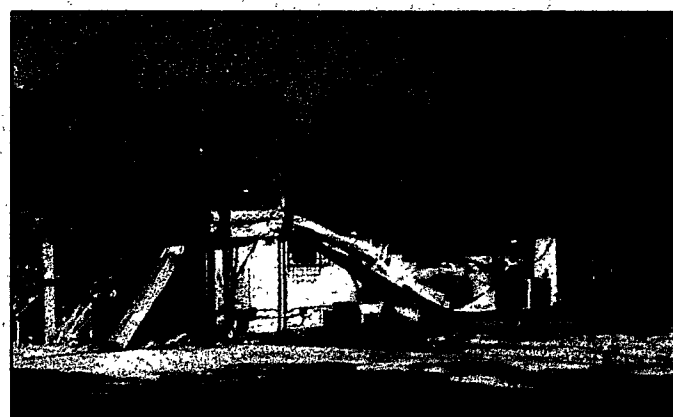
### Sheriff administrator's home set on fire, business destroyed

**BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS**  
**Publisher Emeritus**  
The Department of Justice and State Fire Marshall are offering a \$6,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the subject(s) involved in the Pearlington Country Store

fire and the Cuevas residential fire, according to Sheriff's Chief Investigator Kenny Hurt.

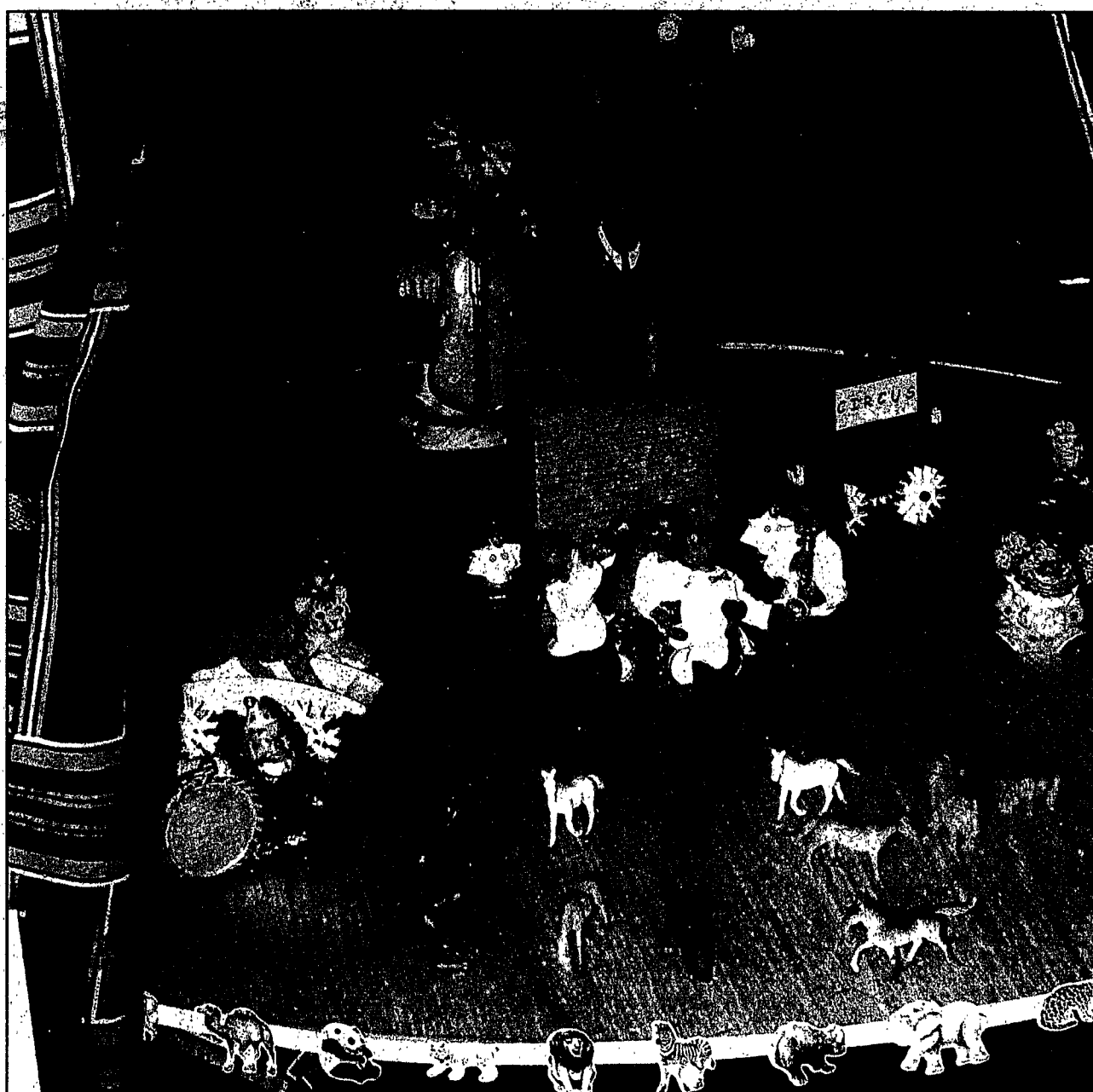
Cuevas' Grocery was destroyed by fire on Dec. 4, 2003, and a fire was set on

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The smoldering wreckage of Cuevas Grocery in Pearlington, which was destroyed in an arson fire on Dec. 4. On Dec. 29, someone also tried to burn store owner Ronnie Cuevas' home.

## UNDER THE BIG TOP



In observance of Black History Month, the Hancock County Library System will have an exhibit on display at the Hancock County Welcome Center throughout February entitled "African-American History Under the Big Top." The welcome center is located at I-10 and Hwy. 607 in Pearlington, and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter

## Deputies seize record amount of Ecstasy in I-10 traffic stop

**ELLIS C. CUEVAS**  
**Publisher Emeritus**  
Sheriff's deputies seized more than 100 Ecstasy pills early Tuesday - the most ever confiscated in Hancock County during a traffic violation stop - according to Narcotics Division Director Major Matt Karl.

Karl said, "Road Deputies Sgt. Jason Chandler and Clarence Hall

were on a routine patrol around 2:45 a.m. Tuesday, on Highway 607, when they observed a vehicle exiting from the Welcome Center making an illegal U-turn and almost collide head-on with an 18-wheeler."

"The deputies stopped the vehicle as it had exited 607 and was

ECSTASY--PAGE 11A



Hancock County Sheriff's Deputy Sgt. Jason Chandler, left, and Deputy Clarence Hall display an undisclosed amount of cash and more than 100 ecstasy pills seized following a traffic violation early Tuesday morning.

Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas

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# Nereids 'Can't Stop the Rhythm' at 38th annual ball

THE SEA COAST ECHO

**M**usic has always been the heart and soul of the Krewe of Nereids, and this has never been more apparent than it was on Saturday, January 31, as the all-women's group celebrated its thirty eighth annual ball. "Can't Stop the Rhythm" was the theme of the evening as the members entertained with a variety of musical styles and tempos. From show time at the Copa Cabana to the snappy rhythms of Broadway, the audience was delighted with an assortment of outstanding performances recalling musical rhythmic memories known to all.

The evening began as the captain appeared in a beautiful lavender gown with lace overlay. The neckline was accented by Swarovski crystal drops, while long bangles accentuated the sleeves. Her elegant headpiece reflected the evening's theme with a large rhinestone musical note, and she was surrounded by a vast display of lavender plumes on her collar.

As the captain's whistle signaled the beginning of the Thirty-Eighth Annual Carnival Ball, the royal court of 2003 paraded around the floor. The officers of Nereids followed in striking gowns of black and silver, with headpieces of black plumes and rhinestone musical notes.

The tableau unfolded as the members of Nereids brought a variety of rhythms to life in numerous dance performances. The entertainment began with the familiar Latin beat that we all love, and moved into the cool and crazy rhythms of the jungle. Broadway was recalled with a dazzling interpretation from "Chicago," with a sudden change to the warm beat of the Samba. The children of Nereids outdid themselves with an updated and funky rendition of the "Hokey Pokey" that definitely caught the audience by surprise! The Nereids members tapped their way into the final number of the evening and delighted and surprised all with their new talent.

Reigning over the festivities was Queen Doris XXXVIII, whose identity is never revealed. King Nereus XXXVIII, Mr. Charles Breath IV is a resident of Bay St. Louis and has been involved with and dedicated to the Nereids organization throughout his life.

Pages to Her Majesty were Kalle M. Barlow and Cayce Thomas Seal. Pages to His Majesty were Hilary Marie Gaudin and Sarah Augusta Torgeson.

Dukes to His Majesty were Peter Lucore, Thomas Alan Hart, Andrew Elkins, Lonnie Ray, Frank Bridges



The Krewe of Nereids Queen Doris XXXVIII and King Nereus XXXVIII, Charles Breath IV.

and John M. Rosetti, III.

Queen Doris XXXVIII was stunning in her fitted gown of embroidered gold lamee. The reflection from the abundance of rhinestones on her gown was dazzling as she emerged onto the floor. Her rhinestone crown and bangled arm bands complimented the style of the dress. The Queen's magnificent train of gold was adorned with the crest of Nereids in full color and was trimmed with

ermine and silver sequins. The crowd was enchanted by the pair as King Nereus XXXVIII entered in a costume matched to that of the Queen.

The Maids and Dukes of the Royal Court of 2004 called to mind the upbeat and energized rhythms that fill our world.

Recalling the smooth and familiar sounds of "Broadway," the first maid appeared in a radiant costume of varying shades of

blue satin. Her dress was covered with a peacock motif and gold sequins. The exquisite butterfly style collar reflecting the same pattern fluttered gently as she moved around the floor, creating a breathtaking vision. A display of peacock feathers accented her blue headpiece to complete the ensemble.

The rhythmic beat of the "Jungle" was apparent as the second maid entered the floor in an awesome

gown of green and purple, with leopard print inserts. The V neck was trimmed in a wide band of gold sequins and long gold fringe, to create a very regal appearance. Appliques of vibrant, sequined jungle flowers and butterflies covered the dress, and drapes of leopard and orange satin hung from her wrists. Her fabulous collar depicted a spray of green sequined palm leaves, surrounded by a proliferation of purple plumes, to produce a memorable image.

The third maid appeared in an empire style gown made from panels of orange and green satin. Freeform hearts and flowers covered the dress in bright colors to depict the beat of "Funky" rhythms. Black and orange feather boas dangling from her collar, combined with the Aztec inspired motif of her headpiece, fashioned an image of whimsy that delighted all.

The exotic and haunting sounds of the "Samba" could be felt as the fourth maid entered the floor wearing a silver and black gown trimmed in silver sequins and marabou. Medallions of purple and green iridescence covered the costume, and it was adorned with a black satin waist piece covered in silver and gold sequins. The headpiece of silver and black sequined diamonds was topped with black plumes, and blended

with the silver Latin style collar to create a striking effect.

"Classical" music was exquisitely depicted by the fifth maid's costume of rich burgundy and white satin with a butterfly style sleeve. Lime green musical notes covered her gown, and white sequined stars adorned her train. A magnificent sequined keyboard surrounded her collar and cascaded across to her waist. Huge burgundy plumes surrounded the keyboard and a lighted candelabra topped her headpiece generating a masterful picture.

The final maid's dress of teal with hot pink sequined camellias created a feeling of the magical sounds of "Polynesian" rhythms. A large marquee of mirrored flower medallions adorned the front, and corresponding designs of teal and fuchsia, accented with rhinestones, cover her paneled train. Her large collar of teal and fuchsia plumes and tikki style headpiece completed the fabulous effect.

Each Maid and her Duke in corresponding costume created a spectacular vision as they processed in their grand promenade around the floor.

The Krewe of Nereids continues their celebration with their Mardi Gras parade on Sunday, February 15, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. on Highway 90 in Waveland.

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BY MARY

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Plans are upgrade train nine Highways in Bay Waveland, turning some new turn lights.

Bay St. Council agreed let the Department Transportation work, costing to the existing provided a road at Highway Drinkwater.

Mayor Ed the signal will be covered state funding.

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## Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas  
Publisher Emeritus

### Sunday's Super Bowl among best

I know there have been other exciting Super Bowl football games, but Sunday's has to rank among the best over the past 37 years. It sure was a great football game by two great teams.

If they were to play again, there is a possibility New England would be the victor, yet Carolina could possible win too.

I can remember times when the National Football League has teams that would win the title every year for a stretch of several years.

That appears to have changed with the free agents, as a team with worst record in the league can topple the best, as has been done this past season.

Congratulations are in order for New England, as they came back to take the title which they had won two years ago.

While at the same Carolina needs to be congratulated as a much improved team from a one game winner in 2002.

By the way, many of us think football watching is a mans thing, while at the same time there are sure lots of female football fans.

One big improvement in Bay St. Louis and Waveland is in the reduction of stray dogs.

I realize there may

still be a few dogs running loose, but folks that is only a 'drop in the bucket' as an old saying goes.

I can recall times when I had bungee cords on securing the lids of my metal garbage cans that would be ripped off by roving dogs.

A lot of credit needs to go to the Hancock County Humane Society in its many years of work, as well as our elected officials in their efforts with a Animal Shelter.

The Spay Neuter program which has been a big help in the reduction of many stray animals.

A big push is now underway by the Humane Society in their spay neuter program.

A big "Be Patriotic at the Beach" Spay/Neuter Your Pet Support Day will be held on Tuesday, February 24.

Just give a call at 467-7686, for information for an appointment and how you can have your pet altered at a low cost to you.

Additional on Friday, February 13, there will be a Bake Sale/Flea Market at Markel Industries, Highway 90, to help raise funds for the Humane Society.

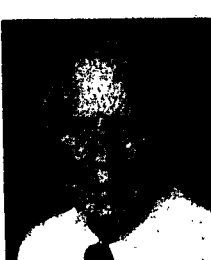
The Humane Society does a great job and all donations and contributions are used for the betterment of our community.

## Musgrove's 'education first' in danger

Hardly has Ronnie Musgrove exited the state Capitol scene than his one-year-old landmark achievement of putting education first is in danger of being dismantled.

Newly appointed leaders of the House and Senate Appropriations committees on Mississippi

Public Broadcasting's "Quorum" omnibus \$2.35 billion (yes show last week expressed doubt they will honor the



Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor

2003 precedent and enact an omnibus funding package for all education programs by the end of the first month of the legislative session.

Not a good sign.

Last year, driven by Musgrove, state lawmakers for the first time in

history enacted a two-bill omnibus \$2.35 billion (yes show last week expressed doubt they will honor the

education phase from Kindergarten through higher education.

Always in the past funding of different facets of education trickled through the Legislature in separate bills, as lawmakers parceled out overall state funding in a myriad of single-shot appropriations.

Not surprisingly, when money has in the past been dribbled out, all three educational levels have been in competition with all the other functions of government and schools and colleges often were left battling against

each other for the leavin's in the state treasury.

Everyone was happy--the K-12 public schools, community colleges and senior colleges--to be put together into Musgrove's omnibus education funding package. They hoped 2003 set a precedent for the future in the way education would be handled, as some legislative leaders promised.

Part and parcel of the K-12 part of the education package is a five-year stair-step increase in average teachers, salaries hop-

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## Property tax problem affects many people

We appreciate the articles written by SEA COAST ECHO reporter Mary Seiley concerning tax problems with our property at 121 Aiken Road in Waveland.

This story, appearing in the Jan. 11 edition, was well written and accurately described the illegal lack of notification of taxes due in 1999 and a tax sale in August 2000.

The problem was errors in procedures in the Hancock County Clerks office. These taxes amounted to \$400. To reclaim the property ultimately cost us \$5,000.

Although the tax assessor, Mr. Tim Kellar, has offered others the chance to correct these notification problems, he claims that he cannot help us because we already paid Mississippi Tax Deeds the sum of \$2900 to get a valid quit claim on the property.

The purpose of this letter is hopefully to find other property owners who have had to go through the

same lengthy and expensive process to reclaim their property. We have several legal opinions -- including one from the Attorney General's office -- that substantiate the illegality of the sale of the property to Mississippi Tax Deeds because of the failure to notify.

If others have had the same problem, please get in touch with us by mail. As individuals, we cannot afford a lawsuit to get our money back.

If there are, however, other property owners who have suffered the indignity and financial burden of correcting the error of the tax assessor's office, a class action suit is possible. Please contact us!

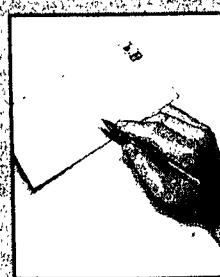
Our thanks to the SEA COAST ECHO, a community minded newspaper who helped us make this illegal and unfair property "glitch" known to our small county.

Sincerely,  
Phyllis and Bill Hahne  
Waveland

## Letters to the Editor

### Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address and telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typed and double-spaced. One letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters, comments, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



## When will property tax increases end?

Dear Mr. Ladner,  
Attached you will find my Check number 137, dated Jan. 29, 2004, in the amount of \$1,935.22 to cover the property taxes on my home in Jordan River Shores, located in Kiln, Miss.

Since 1998 my property taxes increased by over 40 percent with nominal increases every year since. However, the property tax on my home increased from the amount of 1485.14 in 2002 to 1935.22 for 2003, an increase of over 30 percent. When will this end? The assessed value of the property in 2002 shows the amount of 15,414 and for the year

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# Harris named Pass Christian's Citizen of Year



Virgil A. Harris is pictured at right after being named Pass Christian's Citizen of the Year at a banquet in December.

The annual Outstanding Pass Christian Citizen of the Year Award ceremony combined with the Annual Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce/Rotary Club banquet was held in December 2003 at the Pass Christian Yacht Club.

Many previous Outstanding Citizens, which began in 1954 by the Lions Club and adopted by the Rotary Club, were in attendance.

This year's Citizen of the Year was picked from a list of impressive citizens who throughout the year give to the community without fanfare or hopes of recognition. Virgil A. Harris was honored with this distinction.

Harris has been an active supporter of many organizations in Pass Christian and the Gulf Coast and has been a tireless worker and a real

## Pass Christian 2003 Citizen of the Year

Virgil A. Harris

inspiration in whatever endeavor he has undertaken.

Many of the organizations he is and has been involved in over the past several years are listed as follows:

- Kiwanian of the Year - 2003
- Tricentennial Committee
- President of Friend of

the Library, three years, and monthly Book Sale Chairman

• President of Lighthouse Society, three years

• Instrumental for getting several Historical Markers in Pass Christian, such as for John Henderson and Robert Livingston

• Member of Historical Society

• Board of Directors, Pass Christian Library

• Committee to restore Town Library

• Ruling elder of First Presbyterian Church, Bay St. Louis

• Jazz in the Pass - organizing vendor booths and assisting Jennie Lou Mintz.

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ing to reach the Southeast average. This year the plan requires a \$96 million installment.

The heartbeat of public education is the Adequate Education program, now known as MAEP, which provides subsidies for poorer school districts with a thin tax base in order to raise their education level to an adequate, competitive level.

Enacted in 1996, the subsidy plan is credited with warding off lawsuits against Mississippi similar to what many states have faced for failure to provide adequate educational funding to districts with a poor local tax base.

Several key faces have changed around the legislative halls since last year, and, significantly, there is no longer an "education governor" sitting in the office in the middle of the Capitol.

New Gov. Haley Barbour gave lip service to keeping up the pace of public education improvement in his campaign. But of note, he glossed over education in his inaugural address, stressing primarily need for more parental involvement in the public schools.

That's a concept everyone would agree is good, but it does nothing about providing the necessary infrastructure and teacher pool for better schools.

Many educators will closely watch Barbour's "state of the state" address at the beginning of the week for more hopeful signs that he will keep public education as a top state priority in his administration.

Certainly he could demonstrate that by calling on the Legislature to fund education--all education--first, in keeping with

the monumental precedent his predecessor and the past Legislature set a year ago.

So far, most of the signs coming out of the Legislature suggest a slippage in the "education first" concept around the state Capitol.

The joint Legislative Budget Committee--commonly called LBO--in December presented a proposed 2005 budget that was long on self-praise about education funding but devilishly lacking in the details.

As a prime bit of eye-wash, LBO plugged in a separate item of \$95.5 million to fund the fourth year of the teacher pay increase.

But at the same time, the budgeters were cutting the overall recommended amount for public education by \$200 million, especially slashing the legislative allocation for the Adequate Education Program.

Rep. Johnny Stringer (D) Montrose, is taking over House Appropriations from the veteran Rep. Charlie Capps (D) Cleveland, who is stepping down after 16 years as head of the committee.

Evidently Stringer doesn't believe like Capps that omnibus education funding early-on is a commitment to be honored.

Stringer has been a friend of education. However, he made it clear on Quorum he intends to hold up education funding until later in the session (this one meets four months compared to three in other years).

He says he wants to see if revenues improve but also indicated he would likely abandon the

omnibus education package idea.

Actually, Stringer seemed to buy into delaying education funding after Sen. Travis Little (R) Corinth, the vice-chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, voiced the idea on the Quorum panel in response to a moderator's question.

Little wasn't known as a strong supporter of the Musgrove education initiative last year. He is remembered also as a close ally of Lt. Gov. Amy Tuck's move three years ago to make teacher pay increases contingent on a 5 percent growth in state revenues.

That growth was obviously impossible to reach during the economic slide, and until abandoned,

Tuck's idea delayed state teacher pay from closing the Southeast gap.

Sen. Jack Gordon, the crusty old Democratic warhorse from Okolona, got his Senate Appropriation chairmanship back despite Tuck's switch to the Republican Party.

He avoided on Quorum being pinned down on the omnibus, early education funding debate.

However, education forces who closely follow the Legislature fear that Gordon basically wants to abandon the Adequate Education program and put public schools back on the old Minimum Foundation Program.

That would put the state at risk of being sued for not subsidizing poorer districts.

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## Consider it .....SOLD!



The deadline to register to vote for the March 9th presidential primary election will be Friday, February 6, 2004 at 5:00 P.M.

Pamela Thomas Metzler  
Circuit Clerk

## Tax

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2003 it shows 20,296 an increase of 4,882. That is over 31 percent. I urge you to reconsider, as this does not seem possible.

I resent the fact that because I worked hard to purchase a 50 by 100-foot lot to build a home, that this is an excuse to use myself and other property owners as a target for saturation with exorbitant taxes.

At this rate, the greed of 30 percent to 40 percent increases will probably cause some residents to sell out. The money sure is not used to upgrade Jordan River Shores. In fact the only improvement that I have experienced, if you even want to call it an improvement, is that the streets in the subdivision were topped with more

cement causing them to rise above most of the residents driveways resulting in rain water being trapped in the driveway below the street level.

Repeated calls to Mr. Jay Cuevas have been in vain and unanswered, not surprising to me, I realize we must pay taxes, but 30 percent to 40 percent increase on my property every four to five years with increases within that period is absurd.

Furthermore, if the taxes are not paid due to the hardship of these increases, then you have the authority to confiscate the home. This procedure is nothing more than legalized extortion.

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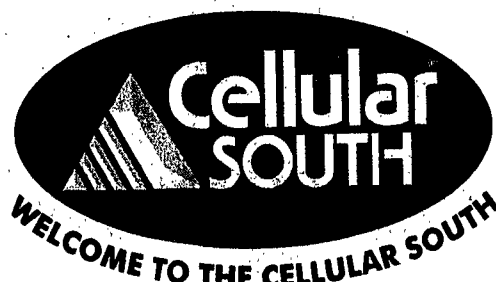
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## Wellness group to meet Friday

The next meeting of the Wholistic Wellness Network will be held on Friday, Feb. 6, at the Mississippi Power Company conference room, 30th Avenue and Highway 90, Gulfport, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The featured speaker is Keith Karlson, MSW. His topic is "Creating Sacred Space," an exciting process of assessing one's inner knowledge and intuition to create the best home and garden environment for enhancing personal happiness.

All are welcome. There is no charge to attend. The Wholistic Wellness Network (WWN) is

### Wholistic Wellness

Feb. 6

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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a national nonprofit organization dedicated to growing healthy communities, providing education about high level health care and integrating holistic and conventional care at all levels.

For more information about Wholistic Wellness, call Holly Hayden at 228-467-7285.

## Parenting support group organized

First meeting scheduled Feb. 16

If you feel overwhelmed with parental responsibilities, a parenting support group will be held every Monday evening in Bay St. Louis.

The first meeting will be held Feb. 16 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church at 912 South Beach Blvd.

Parents will be able to help other parents by sharing experiences, strengths and hope in an

effort to promote positive parenting.

The group can discuss communication skills between you and your child, while learning about self worth in disciplining your children.

The aim of the group is to focus parental energy in a positive way.

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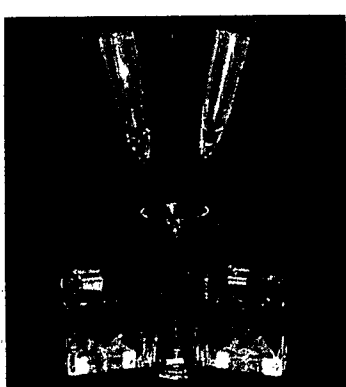
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### Hancock County HOME Program Public Hearing Notice February 19, 2004

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors is considering applying to Mississippi Development Authority for a HOME Grant of up to \$350,000 for Home Rehabilitation. The State of Mississippi has been allocated approximately \$15 million in HOME funds that will be made available to cities and counties on a competitive basis to undertake eligible community development activities. These funds must be used for one of the following purposes:

1. to benefit low-and moderate-income persons;
2. to aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or
3. to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

The activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of housing. More specific details regarding eligible activities, program requirements, and the rating system will be provided at a public hearing, which will be held at, Hancock County Courthouse, 150 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, MS. 39520, on February 19, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this hearing will be to obtain citizen input into the development of the application.

Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, This the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2004.

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# Public Works trains in gas safety in maintenance and construction

Natural gas keeps us warm, keeps our water hot and Bay St. Louis cooks love it – but natural gas is a dangerous chemical to work around.

To ensure the safety of the city's gas crew and Bay St. Louis property owners and gas users the four-man public works team of Jimmy Necaise, Henri Saucier, Jerry Ortiz and Kirk Edmonson attended more than 60 hours of instruction from George E. Mouldoux Jr., National Corrosion Service, New Orleans, who works with gas teams throughout

Mississippi and Louisiana in mapping, corrosion control, cathodic protection and other areas of natural gas safety.

With a combined experience of 45 years the city's gas team, led by Necaise, were instructed in a variety of new safety measures for construction and maintenance of the miles of city gas lines.

Also included in the instruction were new compliance measures introduced by the Federal and Mississippi environmental and regulatory agencies for gas line distribution to the consumer.

Gas workers from Pascagoula, Waveland, Olive Branch and Clinton, Louisiana joined the Bay St. Louis team.

One employee said, "It's hard to be in the classroom all day when you are accustomed to working outdoors, but we need to know how to work smart and safe."

The Bay's public works director, Ron Vanny, and his department are responsible for maintaining the city's gas lines and new gas customer installations. It is imperative to keep unaccounted for gas to a minimum for the city's physical and fiscal well being.

Bay St. Louis services over 1300 natural gas customers with St. Stanislaus College, Hancock Medical Center and Casino Magic the largest consumers that also have high occupancy rates adding to local delivery and safety concerns. Fortunately Bay St. Louis has never completely lost gas service even during times of great cold or when transmission lines have been cut.

The City has also been fortunate to have never had a natural gas explosion that led to serious loss of property or life.

There has not been any serious personal

injuries incurred by Public Works employees or city fireman during the sixty or more years the city has offered gas service to its residents.

The delivery price of natural gas is as fickle as the market price of automobile gas. The city buys through a national gas consortium in order to buy at the lowest price and have natural gas available as needed by local consumers at the lowest price that can be charged.

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## Valentine's Silver Tea at Trinity Episcopal



Once again St. Monica's Guild of Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian, will hold its annual Silver Valentine Tea on Friday, February 13th from 3-5 p.m. Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hillier will host the affair at their home, 551 East Scenic Dr. in Pass Christian. Their home known as "Ballymore" is one of the oldest in the historic district and one of the best examples of a Colonial Revival style of home. The tea is the only fund-raiser that St. Monica's Guild has. All of the money raised is given to the Boys & Girls Club of Pass Christian, to St. Francis Home in Piquette to Wilmer Hall in Mobile, Ala., and other local needs. Pictured at from left are Mrs. Robert Hillier, hostess; Mrs. D.H. Short, president of St. Monica's; and Mrs. Paul Robinson, co-chair of the Silver Valentine Tea. Not pictured is Mrs. Randall James, co-chair of the tea.

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## Sens. Cochran, Lott announce funding for local fire departments

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate has approved \$453,150 for Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program awards, Senators Thad Cochran and Trent Lott announced today.

Each local fire department that was awarded a grant may use the money to increase the effectiveness of firefighting operations, fund firefighter health and safety programs, acquire new fire apparatus, enhance Emergency Medical Services programs, and conduct fire prevention and safety programs.

Senator Cochran said, "I am pleased to see the Department of Homeland Security continue to provide funding for local community and volunteer fire departments in Mississippi. These federal resources will help ensure safety for our citizens and firefighters."

"This funding will provide more enhanced fire protection for residents and

businesses in these communities," Senator Lott said. "Mississippi has benefited greatly from FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters program this year and in previous years, I will continue to support this initiative and to work with local fire departments seeking assistance under this federal provision."

The following Mississippi fire departments will receive funding this round:

<b>New Site Volunteer Fire Department</b>	<b>\$89,100</b>
<b>Shiloh Fire Department</b>	<b>Louisville</b>
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<b>Greene County Beat IV Volunteer Fire Department</b>	<b>Lucedale</b>
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<b>Clem Volunteer Fire Department</b>	<b>Prentiss</b>
	<b>\$37,440</b>
<b>Waveland Fire Department</b>	<b>Waveland</b>
	<b>\$130,095</b>

## Republican Women's Club to meet today

The next Meeting of the Hancock County Republican Women's Club will be held today, Feb. 5, at 11 a.m. at the Diamondhead Country Club followed by a pay-as-you-go luncheon.

"Legislation Day" will take place this year on Feb. 25, in Jackson. Club members from throughout the state gather for this annual special event.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Rotunda of the Capital followed by a "welcome" by Gov. Haley Barbour. One is then free to tour the Capitol chambers and to visit their various House and Senate members.

At 12 Noon a Luncheon is held at the Clarion Hotel with a yet to be announced guest speaker.

At 2 p.m., First Lady Marcia Barbour will honor all club members with tea at the executive mansion.

Cost per person for this Legislation Day event will be announced at the Feb. 5 meeting. Pre-paid reservations are a must, and all those attending are asked to wear a red dress, jacket or sweater.

Membership drive: Any woman who is a registered voter in the state of Mississippi and who believes in the principles of the Republican Party is invited to join the Hancock County Club. Dues are \$25 for the entire year. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. They alternate between the Library on Highway 90 in Bay St. Louis and the Diamondhead Country Club, unless otherwise announced.

Any women who is a registered voter in another state, but who resides in Mississippi on a part-time basis may join as an Associate Member with annual dues of \$12 per year.

Upon joining the County Club, one automatically becomes a member of the Mississippi State Federation of Republican Women, and also of the National Federation. The local Club is also involved throughout the year in several non-political county activities. Call president Nell Frisbie at 228-255-5341 for any questions.



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## Economic symposium set for Feb. 11

America's reigning retail salvage king, an international economist rated tops by USA Today, and a leading Mississippi physician-turned-health-insurance administrator will headline this year's roster of keynote speakers at Hancock Bank's 38th annual Gulf Coast Economic Symposium, "Enlightening Perspectives," Wednesday, February 11, 2004, from 7:45 a.m. until noon at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum Convention Center (Hallway D).

Bill C. Hudson, Jr., CEO of Hudson's Salvage, LLC, Dr. Barry Asmus, senior economist with the National Center for Policy Analysis, and Thomas Fenter, M.D.,

medical director for Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi, will offer symposium guests - traditionally some of South Mississippi's most influential business and civic leaders - exclusive first-hand insights into issues and initiatives affecting the Gulf Coast's growth as a national economic engine and international destination of choice.

Hudson will address "The Trichotomy of Success," while Asmus will assert "The Best Is Yet to Come: The Business of Economics." Fenter will explore "Managing the Real Causes & Effects of Rising Employee Healthcare Costs."

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Additional information and limited seating reservations for the symposium are available through the Hancock Bank corporate marketing office at (228) 871-6348.



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## Governor's Conference on Tourism slated at Choctaw

The Mississippi Tourism Association (MTA) will hold the 2004 Governor's Conference on Tourism at the Pearl River Resort in Choctaw, Miss. February 10-13, 2004.

"We are pleased to hold the conference at the Pearl River Resort this year," said Beth Carriere of Bay St. Louis, President of MTA. "This year's theme, Raising the Bar, demonstrates what the tourism industry strives to do every day. Last year, tourists spent over \$6.3 billion inside the state while 91,500 Mississippians were employed within the hospitality industry. We feel as industry professionals continue to raise the bar, more guests will visit Mississippi contributing to the economic growth of our state."

The Governor's Conference on Tourism is Mississippi's largest tourism and hospitality conference and attracts nearly 300 attendees from the industry from all over the state.

"We look forward to a large conference turnout," said Annette Rand of Mississippi's Gulf Coast, 2004 Conference Committee Chairman. "Additions and enhancements to the Pearl River Resort make it a great choice for this tourism showcase, and the annual

golf tournament will be a treat on the resort's Dancing Rabbit Golf Club, created by internationally renowned course designers Tom Fazio and Jerry Pate."

For those who choose shopping over golf, MTA will hold their second annual shopping tournament in stores located throughout downtown Philadelphia. One of the most anticipated events of the conference is the annual Governor's Awards Luncheon where recognition is given for superior achievement in categories such as Tourism Promotion, Event/Festival, Travel Attraction, Volunteer and Convention & Visitors Bureau.

MTA also presents the Vicki Miller Scholarship each year at the conference to a student pursuing a degree in Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management at the University of Southern Mississippi. Award recipient names are submitted to MTA from the Dean of that department.

Prior to the start of the conference, MTA will host Phase 1 of the newly established Mississippi Certified Tourism Professional Certification Program. The program has been established as a way to recognize and certify tourism professionals after their atten-

dance and participation in sessions to be held in two phases over four days. To become certified, participants must also pass the MTA Certification Exam. Continuing education, service and participation in the tourism industry must be continued in order to maintain the certification.

MTA is a private sector organization with more than 325 members representing all segments of the industry including hotels, restaurants, attractions, casinos, service providers and convention bureaus.

For more information on the 2004 Governor's Conference on Tourism or to find out how to become a member of MTA, contact Kathy Boutwell at 888-812-6738.

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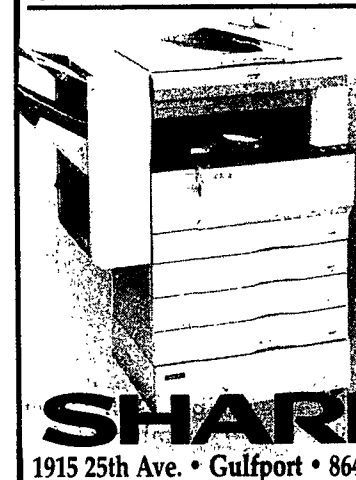
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## McIntyre named Broker of the Year

Several representatives of Special T Mortgage in Waveland claimed honors at the Mississippi Association of Mortgage Brokers annual meeting and trade show in Biloxi on Jan. 22-24.

Don Blaize received the Originator of the Year for 2003. He was also recognized for serving as the communications and technology chair on the MAMB state board last year. For 2004, he will serve as the certification chair on the state board.

Other Special T Mortgage officials will also serve on the state board. Vicki Blaize will serve as education chair and Mark Garcia will be parliamentarian.

Thad McIntyre, president of Special T Mortgage, was sworn in as president of the 2004 MAMB state board by National Association Mortgage Brokers president A.W. Pickel III.

McIntyre was honored with two awards, Broker of the Year and MAMB Volunteer of the Year. He was also recognized for his role as president elect and education chair on the MAMB state board.

McIntyre sits on several committees including the Education and Faculty Committee, the Communications and



THAD MCINTYRE



DON BLAIZE

Technology Committee and the National Membership Committee, where he chairs the Strategic Alliance Subcommittee. He also co-authored the NAMB Certification Mentoring Handbook.

As the first national certified residential mortgage specialist in Mississippi, McIntyre is a state and national certified mortgage industry trainer and instructor.

Blaize is the only other nationally certified residential mortgage specialist in the state.

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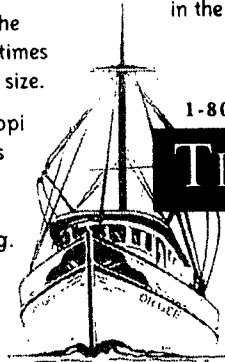
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# Bay firefighters build new training apparatus

Bay Saint Louis firefighters have designed, built and now train on-site in a building maze developed: to hone their skills working in small smoke-filled spaces, gain access safely through restricted openings, and to maneuver with full gear and additional fire fighting equipment in

confined spaces.

"We learn many of these techniques while at the academy, but we have to train regularly to maintain our proficiency," said Deputy Chief Pam San Filippo. "Firemen can often become disoriented when working in dense smoke and it is imperative to the safety of our fire-

fighters and the public we serve that we know how to control a situation and prevent any type of disorientation."

A team of local firefighters designed the maze to be assembled in many configurations to meet a variety of fire fighting situations. Local contractors Otis Bounds, Jr. and M. E.

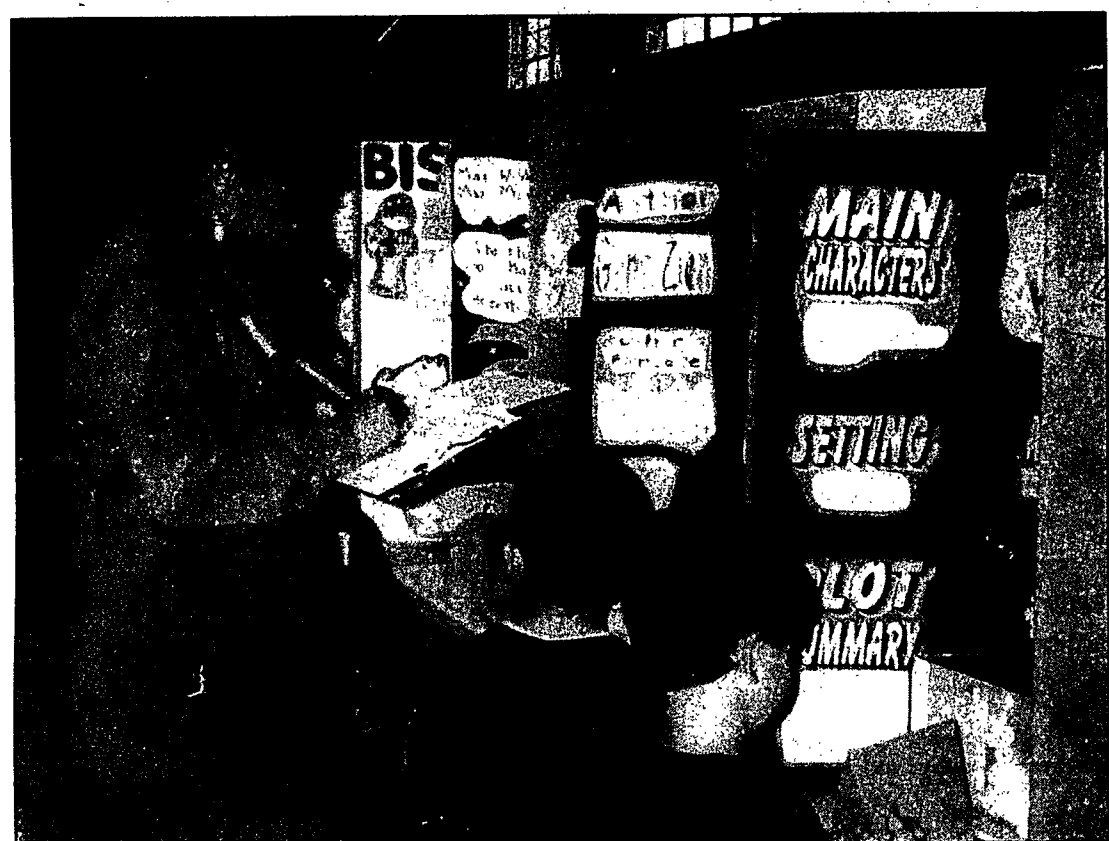
Gibbons donated materials for the project.

The training maze is the latest addition to training that has been added to the department in past months. Firefighters have been seen rappelling from the rooftop of the Depot to practice entering buildings from a rooftop through windows.

"We are emphasizing continual training in 2004. We expect our firefighters to continually train in what they have learned, improve and add to their skills, and contribute to the whole elevation of our department," said Chief Robert Gavagnie.

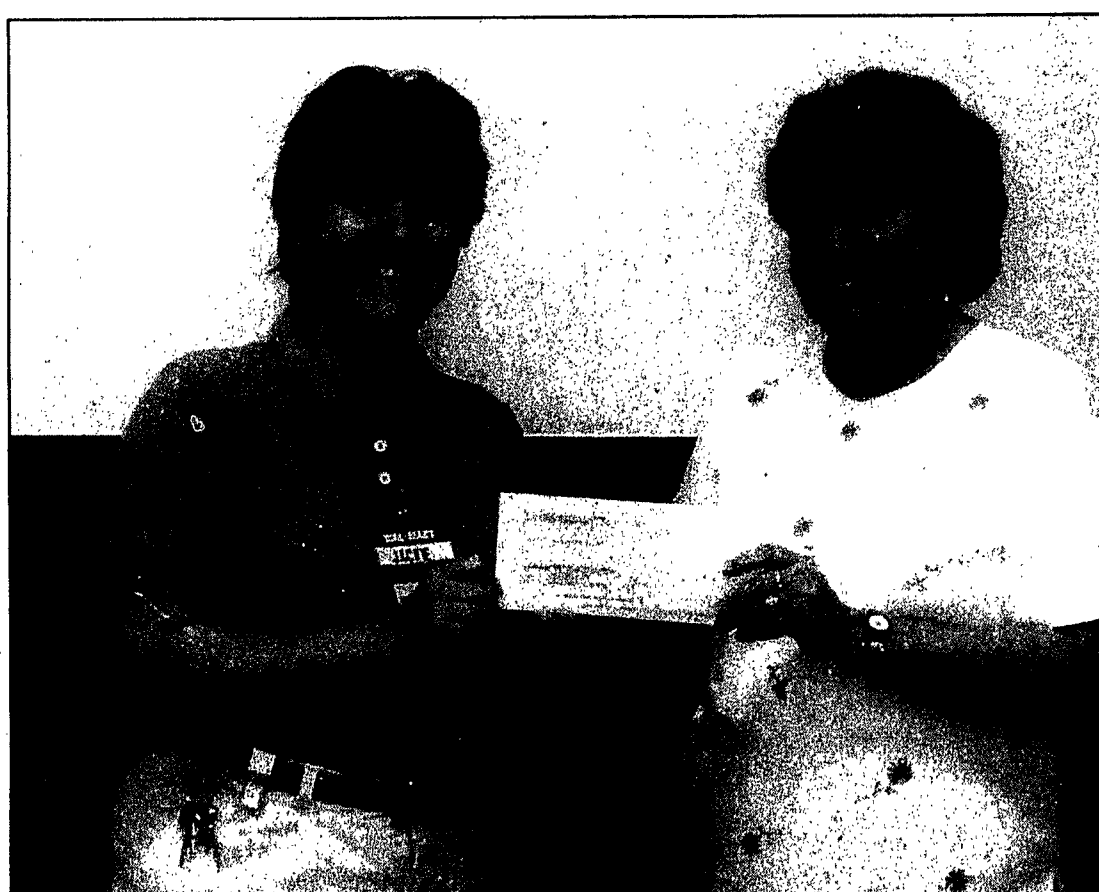
The Department is currently scheduling basic EMT classes to be held on-site for firefighters. This skill has been added to the requirements for promotion. Deputy Chief San Filippo and the Pearl River Community College Workforce Development center are developing the class for presentation in early spring 2004.

## Charles B. Murphy hosts Hancock Reading Fair



Adrienne Bradley, left, Hancock County Library System assistant coordinator of public services, served as one of nine judges for the Hancock County School District Reading Fair hosted by Charles B. Murphy Elementary School in Pearlington. The theme for this year's fair was "Take Flight With Books," a salute to Ezra Jack Keats' *Regards to the Man in the Moon* and the 100th year anniversary of flight. Other judges included Joel Bullock with the Hancock County Library System; Joyce Lawrence and Liz Palm from Boeling; Tania Richard and Cassandra Groves from GE Plastics; Emille Henriques, a published illustrator, and Jenny Smart, USM Early Childhood Center.

## For Girls State



Jackie Lacayo, assistant manager for the Waveland Super Wal-Mart, presented a \$500 civic grant to Janice Carver, Girls state chairman for American Legion Auxiliary Unit 77, Waveland. The donation will help sponsor local female high school students' participation at Girls State in June at the University of Southern Mississippi.

## T-shirt design contest announced

The Collage Art in the Pass Committee is holding a design contest for the 2004 T-shirt.

The chosen design will be featured on the back of this year's festival T-shirt, and the winner of the contest will receive a \$50 cash prize. The design should be no larger than 8.5 inches wide by 12 inches high for portrait or 11 inches wide by 8.5 inches tall for landscape entries.

There is no entry fee, however each artist is limited to two entries. An entry consists of the original artwork and the T-shirt design entry form. Entry forms can be found at [www.passchristian.ws](http://www.passchristian.ws) or the Pass Christian

Chamber of Commerce located in Pass Christian's West Harbor on Highway 90. The entry deadline is Wednesday, March 24. Entries may be mailed to the Committee at P.O. Box 307, Pass Christian, MS 39571 or delivered to the Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce.

The festival will retain the selected original artwork and it will be sold at the Festival's silent auction. Proceeds from the silent auction benefit the Dot Hector Memorial Art Scholarship and other art-related programs the Festival Committee deems appropriate. Other entrant's original artwork will be

available for artists to pick up at the Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce after April 21.

The 11th Annual Collage Art in the Pass Festival will be held Sept. 25-26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The festival is an outdoor fine arts festival with a boutique atmosphere.

Artists are juried to find a group of talented artists in a variety of mediums including painting, photography, print making, sculpture, pottery, fiber arts, glass arts, woodworking and jewelry. Artist applications for the 2004 Festival will be available in the near future. Call 228-216-2252 for more information.

### Notice to Public:

Diamondhead Water and Sewer District ("The District") on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January, 2004 made the following amendments:

#### Water Rate Ordinance:

Section 3.3.4. In the event that a water bill is past due, such customer shall be billed a late fee in an amount not to exceed 1.5% of the bill or ten dollars (\$10.00) per month, whichever is greater.

Section 9.1. This amended ordinance shall be effective as of March 15, 2004.

#### Sewer Rate Ordinance:

Section 1.9. In the event that a sewer bill is past due, such customer shall be billed a late fee in an amount not to exceed 1.5% of the bill or ten dollars (\$10.00) per month, whichever is greater.

Section 4. 1. This amended ordinance shall be effective as of March 15, 2004.

A full copy of the ordinances as of February 2, 2004 is on file in the office of the District and is available for inspection Monday-Friday from 8AM-4PM.

### Notice to Public

Diamondhead Water and Sewer District ("The District") on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January, 2004 made the following amendments:

#### Water Rate Ordinance:

##### 2.1. Residential Users

2.1.1. Metered water up to 4,000 gallons ----- \$17.64/month (minimum flat rate) Plus \$1.31 per 1,000 gallon over 4,000 gallons per month

2.1.2. Unmetered water use ----- \$17.64/month (flat rate)

2.1.3. For users/or owners who disconnect or turn off the water, and who remain owners of record of the property, the minimum flat rate of \$17.64/month will be charged for three months. After that period, the owner will be charged a flat rate of \$8.50 for debt relief of the District. This debt relief payment will be required indefinitely as long as the water service is available to the owner.

##### 2.2. Commercial Users including Motels

2.2.1. Metered water up to 10,000 gallons ----- \$38.01 / month (minimum flat rate) Plus \$2.10 per 1,000 gallon over 10,000 gallons per month

2.2.2. Unmetered water use ----- \$38.01 / month (flat rate)

##### 2.2.3. SPECIAL SMALL COMMERCIAL USER CLASSIFICATION:

Users of less than 1,000 gallons per month with no more than two (2) fixtures, i.e. sink and toilet, not for public use, that use or are capable of using water, will be charged a flat rate of \$45.10 per month for water and sewer combined. The user shall be subject to periodic inspection, audit, and fixture count by the District. Any user under this provision that is delinquent in any payment due the District will not be eligible to be classified under this Special Small Commercial User Classification, and will be charged the full commercial rate.

9.1. This amended ordinance shall be effective as of April 15, 2004 billing.

#### Sewer Rate Ordinance:

2.1.1.1. Metered Residential: Twenty-seven dollars and forty-six cents (\$27.46) for the first four thousand (4,000) gallons, plus \$3.41 per 1,000 gallon for usage between 4,000 and 8,000 gallons. No additional charge will be imposed for usage above 8,000 gallons of water as metered.

2.1.1.2. Unmetered Residential: Twenty-seven dollars and forty-six cents (\$27.46) per month flat rate.

2.1.1.3. Metered Commercial: Thirty-five dollars and seventy cents (\$35.70) for the first 1,000 gallons plus \$8.66 per 1,000 gallon for usage between 1,000 and 5,000 gallons, plus \$5.25 per gallon for usage above 5,000 gallons.

2.1.1.5. Special Small Commercial User Classification: Users of less than 1,000 gallons per month with no more than two (2) fixtures (sink and toilet), not for public use, that use, or are capable of using water will be charged a flat rate of forty-five dollars and ten cents (\$45.10) per month for sewer and water combined, subject to periodic inspection, audit, and fixture count by the District. Any user under this provision that is delinquent in any payment due the District will not be eligible to be classified under this Special Small Commercial User Classification, and will be charged the full commercial rate.

4.1. This amended ordinance shall be effective as of April 15, 2004 billing.

A full copy of the ordinances as of February 3, 2004 is on file in the office of the District and is available for inspection Monday-Friday from 8AM-4PM.



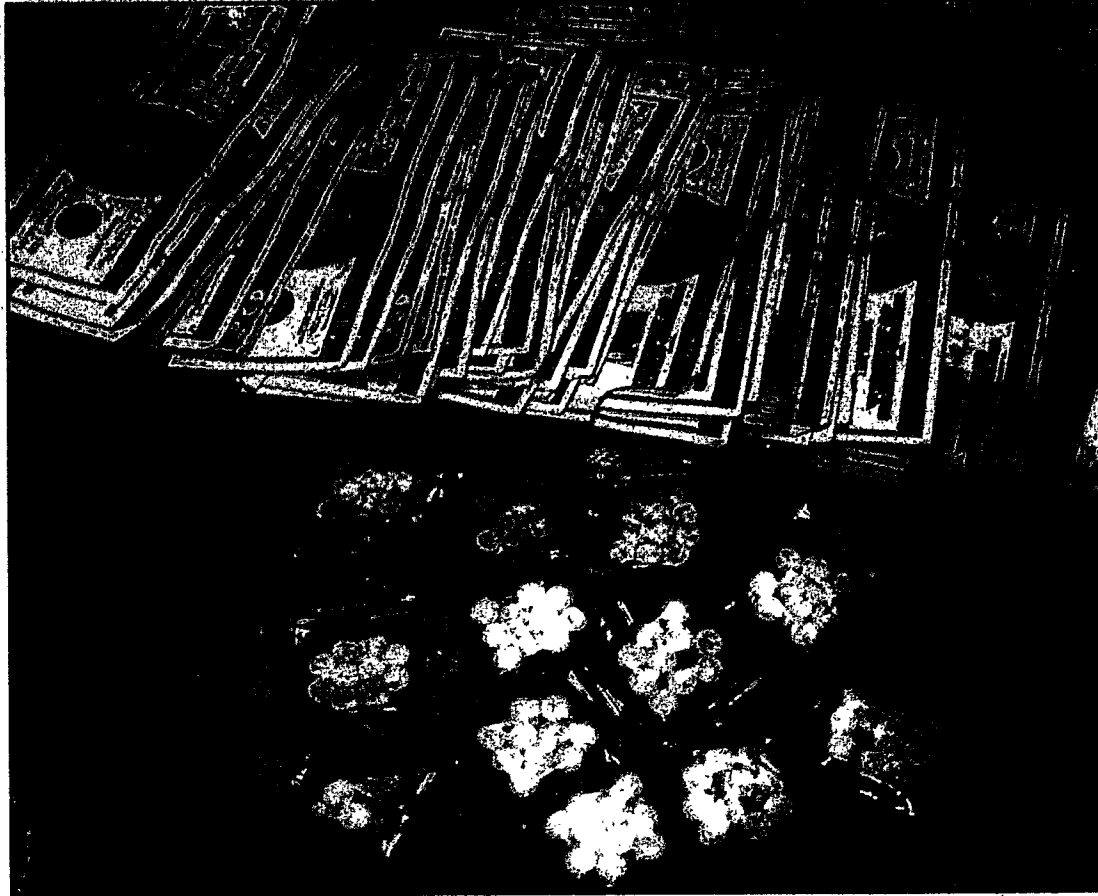
## Ecstasy -- record stash seized

traveling east on I-10 near mile marker two. While explaining the traffic violation, the deputies smelled a strong odor of marijuana smoke. An NCIC (National Crime Information Computer check) was run on the two subjects and both had extensive drug violations. This gave probable cause to search the vehicle for possible illegal drugs," Karl said.

"During the vehicle's search, Hall discovered a large amount of white pills in small packages. In the trunk, Chandler discovered an undisclosed amount of cash. Lt. Tim Broder, along with the two deputies, field-tested the pills and (discovered) they were Ecstasy."

The vehicle's driver, Jesseca Martin, 30, of Atlanta, and passenger Melvin Hill, 28, of Decatur, Ga., were both arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. Both were lodged in the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility with bonds set at \$150,000 each, Karl said.

Narcotics Agent Clifton (Bubba) Malley was summoned and is handling the



Dozens of Ecstasy pills and hundreds of dollars in cash seized in a traffic stop on Tuesday.

drug investigation, Karl said.

Chandler said that in further checking, it was revealed that Hill was wanted for a parole violation in Georgia. Authorities

there have placed a hold on him and indicated they will begin extradition proce-

dures. Karl said deputies seized more than 100 pills of

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Ecstasy, with an estimated street value of \$3,000; as well as cash, and also possibly the vehicle Martin was driving.

Other deputies assisting in the investigation include, Tim Campbell and Roger Esepinol.

Karl said he was very pleased with the extra effort by deputies Chandler and Hall for having the presence of mind while making the traffic violation stop to "reach" a bit further and discover the alleged illegal drugs.

The Narcotics Drug Division receives telephone tips on illegal drug activities on a regular basis, according to Karl, who said this helps the department in making drug arrests.

"This information is very much appreciated," he said. "I know sometimes it takes a lot of investigation to make drug arrests, but all tips are checked out."

The Narcotics Division's phone number is 467-1496. The sheriff's office, 228-467-5101, or 601-798-8555.

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## Arson

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the store owner Ronnie Cuevas' residence on the night of Dec. 29, in Pearlinton, near the Louisiana state line.

The reward is being offered by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the State Fire Marshal.

Cuevas' Grocery was destroyed by the fire.

On the night of Dec. 29, Cuevas, Hancock County Sheriff's office chief administrator, and his wife were in bed when they heard a noise that sounded like someone on their roof.

When Cuevas opened a door to look out, a person leapt from the roof which had been set on fire. Cuevas managed to quell the flames with a garden hose as firefighters arrived on the scene. The arsons are being investigated by a team of federal, state and local investigators.

A poster released by the Justice Department on Wednesday says, "If you have any information concerning these crimes, please contact: ATF at 228-388-5092, or State Fire Marshal at 228-467-5101."

## Hancock Arbor Day plans announced

**THE SEA COAST ECHO**  
Governor Barbour has proclaimed Friday, Feb. 13, as Mississippi's 78th Arbor Day and the period of Feb. 13-20 as Tree Planting Week in Mississippi.

The official state celebration will be held on the south steps of the State Capitol Building at 10 a.m., Feb. 13. The theme is "The Power of Trees".

The program will feature an address by Lt. Governor Amy Tuck and a presentation by students from Mississippi School for the Deaf.

Ed Blakeslee, retired vice president of Mississippi Power Company, will introduce the program. Dr. Dwight Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church in Florence, will deliver the invocation. The 113th Military Police Company, Army National Guard in Brandon will present the colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Pat Montgomery, of the Mississippi Forestry Commission, will sing the national anthem and state forester James L. Sledge Jr. will speak on the significance of Arbor Day.

The ceremony will conclude with the planting of a Japanese red maple on the Capitol grounds in memory of the late Jim Eubanks, of Meridian, followed by remarks by Meridian Mayor John Robert Smith.

Eubanks, an employee of Mississippi Power Company, was founding member of both the Professional Arborists Association of Mississippi and the Mississippi Urban Forestry Council. He was one of our state's strongest advocates for good tree care. He was recently killed in a boating accident.

Many local Arbor Day celebrations are planned throughout the state, and several agricultural and conservation agencies are joining to provide homeowners with free or low-cost tree seedlings.

Hancock County Soil and Water Conservation District will be presenting programs to all elementary schools on Feb. 10-11, 2004. We will be planting a magnolia tree at each of these schools and providing a program on the vital importance of our trees to the environment. Assisting the District will be the Mississippi Forestry Commission, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Mississippi State Cooperative Extension Service.

Also in celebration of Arbor Day HCSWCD will be holding our annual tree sale and give-away at the Kiln Branch Library starting at 8 a.m. Trees are available on a first come first served basis. Trees for sale include River Birch, Southern Magnolia, Green Ash, Weeping Willow, Mock Orange and Crepe Myrtle all are \$4 each. Free trees are Sycamore, Willow Oak and Bald Cypress. Celebrate the tree and give someone your Valentine a gift that keeps on growing — a tree.

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# Giving Back



Pictured with Tank are a few of Bay High's football players. Each is holding the items Tank donated. Thanks Tank for showing us what professional athletes should be like: Remembering where you came from, donating back to your community, and being a class act on and off the field. You truly represent all of these.

## Tank Williams visits Bay High

BY KEITH PIGOTT

With all the news today about professional athletes promoting themselves through celebrations and selfish acts, it is nice to see one that is a class act.

Tank Williams, from the Tennessee Titans, recently visited his old high school, Bay High. He talked with the junior high and high school football teams. He stressed the importance of making right decisions in your life and getting your education.

When Tank graduated from Bay High, he attended Stanford University. He majored in Political Science and played football. He was drafted by the

Titans, where he currently starts at safety.

Though he has been very successful on the playing field, he made it very clear that his "most impressive accomplishment was graduating from Stanford." This is definitely a young man who has his priorities straight.

This summer Tank generously gave back to Bay High School. He donated Nike cleats and Official NFL gloves to the Bay High Football Team.

"Tank's generous donation definitely helped our program. He is a great guy," Brenan Compretta, four year coach at Bay High who recently was named Head Coach.

## Obituaries

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Mr. McGhee was a lifelong resident of the community and was Sous Chef at the New Palace Casino Resort. He graduated from Ocean Springs High School and attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. He was employed at the Flour Sack Tea Room in Ocean Springs and was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Mr. McGhee was preceded in death by his father, Robert Lewis McGhee Jr., a National Park ranger. He is survived by a daughter, Haley Emma McGhee of Pass Christian; sister, Karla McGhee Owens of Ocean Springs; a step-sister, Billie Jean Cannon of Paris, Tenn.; a step-brother, Stanley Cannon Jr. of Huntsville, Ala.; and his mother and step-father, Linda McGhee Cannon and Doyle Stanley Cannon Jr.

"He" The stars are the twinkle in his eye. He's pure love and will not lie. He sent his son to save our souls. He has lived forever but is not old. He gives us hope in times of pain. And calls us home when our bodies are slain. On the brink he brings us back. And when he judges gives us slack. Alpha, Omega. Beginning and end. He is always now, and then. By Trey Owens.

### MILTON PLAISANCE

Milton "NuNu" Plaisance, 79, of Bay St. Louis died February 2, 2004 in Bay St. Louis, MS.

He was a native of Westwego, LA and a resident of Bay St. Louis, MS for the past 12 years. He was a Veteran serving in the U.S. Navy during World War

II. He is preceded in death by his parents, Abel & Lillia Plaisance; sister, Eula Plaisance Rome; brother, Milton Plaisance.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Plaisance of Bay St. Louis, MS; daughter, Becky Plaisance of Coasta Mesa, CA; step daughter, Jann Schneider of Bay St. Louis, MS; 2 sisters, Mabel Martin of Marrero, LA; Mildred Danos of Belle Chase, LA; brother, Abel Plaisance, Jr. of Marrero, LA; sister-in-law Linda Plaisance of Bay St. Louis, MS; 4 grandsons, Joseph Bledsoe & wife Kathy of Costa Mesa, CA; Chris Schneider & wife Marissa, Adam Schneider and Bryan Schneider all of Bay St. Louis. 2 granddaughters, Stacey Porter & husband Mike, and Lisa Szecseny all of Costa Mesa, CA. 5 great grandchildren, Chase Porter & Sierra Porter of Coasta Mesa, CA; Malayah Moran of Bay St. Louis, MS; Monica Bledsoe & Jordan Bledsoe of Costa Mesa, CA.

A visitation will be held Thursday, February 5, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. with prayer service to follow at 10:00 a.m. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home, Bay St. Louis, MS.

Interment will be private in Westlawn Memorial Park, Gretna, LA.

The family prefers memorials to Quality Hospice of the Gulf Coast, Inc., PO Box 549, Biloxi, MS 39533-0549.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

VERNE SHAW

Verne Wayne Shaw, 91, of Waveland died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004, in Waveland.

Mr. Shaw was born Jan. 9, 1913, in Ceres, Penn., and was a longtime resident of Waveland. He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Bay St. Louis, life member of the American Legion Post #77 in Waveland, VFW Post #5931, life member N.A.R.F.E., life member of the VFW National Home, A.A.R.P. Chapter 11, Hancock County Senior Citizens, R.S.V.P. in Bay St. Louis, and the Coast Jazz Society.

He was also a Veteran serving in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He is preceded in death by his parents, Homer R. and Vena Warner Shaw; three brothers, Earl Shaw, Lewis Shaw and Nelson Shaw; three sisters, Blanche Wagoner, Nellie Peasley and Helen Mess. He is survived by his wife, Ella Favre Shaw of Waveland; daughter, Elaine Shaw Anderson of Bay St. Louis; one grandson, two great-granddaughters and also a host of nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, Feb. 3, at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. The prayer service was held Wednesday, Feb. 4, at Christ Episcopal Church in Bay St. Louis. Interment followed in Waveland Cemetery. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

### LABAT TATE

Labat Joseph Tate, 57, of Pass Christian died Jan. 29, 2004. Services are incomplete at J.T. Hall Funeral Home.

## Black History program set

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

For the past twenty-one years the Hancock County NAACP, working in conjunction with the Clarke family, have been proud to sponsor the Annual Thomas P. Clarke Memorial Black History Month Program in conjunction with Black History Month. The program seeks to inspire the youth of Hancock County to remember and be proud of their racial and ethnic heritage by honoring the achievements of special people or by demonstrating their own special gifts.

This year the program will be held on Saturday, February 28, at 1 p.m. at the Train Depot in Bay St. Louis. Youth between the ages of nine and nineteen are invited to participate. Registration deadline is February 25. All participants will also be required to attend one of two rehearsals to be held on Friday, February 20 or Wednesday, February 25, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the St. Rose Church Parish Hall at 301 N. Cause Ave. Registration and rehearsals are a must. There is no cost for participation and awards will be given to all with special awards for top winners.

Contributions by businesses, civic organizations, and individuals to cover the expense of trophies, savings

bonds, prizes and other expenses are appreciated. Checks should be made payable to the Hancock County NAACP at P.O. Box 125, BSL, MS 39520.

If youth are our future, says program chairman William Johnson, then their guidance and upbringing is a serious business and the highest priority should be given to providing the best environment possible for our children to grow up and prosper and to become productive citizens. Towards this goal, the Black History program is an investment that has paid great dividends and is a rewarding experience for the youth of the county.

Black History Month was created to recall the contributions of African Americans in history, industry, the arts, sciences and all aspects of black culture. Through their research for the program, participants have the opportunity to see that success has no color and begin to think about the infinite possibilities open to them to become the next Oprah Winfrey, Colin Powell, or Michael Jordan, or in Hancock County, the next Tank Williams or Nathaniel Fairconnetue, or to follow in the footsteps of a beloved parent or grandparent who was special in their own way.

For more information on the program call Donna Holton at 466-0973, Goldie

Fairconnetue at 467-4126, or Lonnie Bradley at 467-6770.

## 'Love is in the Air' for Valentine's Day, thanks to Olde Town Players

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Foward Publishing and Trading Places will present "Love is in the Air" on Feb. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m.

This celebration of Valentines Day will feature a special performance by the Olde Towne Players, who will perform from a script written by Pat McTighe Robinson of

Waveland.

William DeVault, a local poet, will also be featured.

An open mike will follow for those who wish to share love sonnets and such.

Trading Places is located at 249 Coleman Ave. in Waveland. For more information, call 228-463-0504.

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## Peace Rosary is Friday

Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church will be celebrating the one year anniversary of the Peace Rosaries tomorrow, Friday, February 6, at 7 p.m. at the church on Beach Blvd. in Bay St. Louis.

Special musical guest will be Christian singer Angelina Davis. The Long Beach teen began her career several years ago at the age of 10 yrs. when she recorded her first CD, Angelina Prays

the Rosary. She has performed for Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Sq. in Rome at the Christmas Eve Mass. Davis will be accompanied by Alana Rutledge.

The service will begin with an opening talk on Our Lady of the Lourdes and St. Bernadette, whose feast day is Feb. 11, with prayers offered for spiritual and physical healing. Water from the spring at Lourdes will be available.

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# Community

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## Christmas in April needs volunteers, donations

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS  
Publisher Emeritus

The Christmas in April project in Hancock County will take place on Saturday, April 24, according to spokesperson Margaret Hadden.

This is a day when groups of volunteers get together to repair and rehabilitate the homes of low-income elderly and disabled.

In case you are interested as how Christmas in April came to Hancock County, it was really through the efforts of Margaret Hadden.

She was active in Christmas in April in Harrison County, and in 1996, when she retired, she got together with several others from Hancock County, and Christmas in April was able to be formed here as an affiliate of Harrison County.

The first year of the program in Hancock saw three homes receiving facelifts. Since then there have been years when as many as a dozen homeowners have been helped in small and large ways.

At this time of year, Christmas in April is seeking several things:

- First, there is a need of volunteers from churches, businesses, schools, organizations, corporations, industries, associations and interested individuals.

All types of trades can be used and volunteers do not need to be skilled at home repairs, but any skills will be well-utilized.

By the way Hadden is still very active in Christmas in April-Hancock County.

- Second, there is a need of low-income elderly and disabled homeowners who are not able to do the work themselves to have their names submitted by a church, community organization and service groups to refer houses to Christmas in April. These will be discussed by the board of directors on various qualification criteria.

- Third, there is a need of funds to purchase supplies. These can be from churches, businesses, corporations, foundations, service organizations and clubs, associations and individuals.

There is also a need for the cash donations to purchase supplies, or supplies for the necessary work.

Christmas in April does repairs in the following areas: carpentry, plumbing, electrical, plastering, painting, glazing, weather stripping, as well as trash removal and cleaning. So all types of supplies can be used.

Skilled technicians, as well as all types of volunteers are needed.

If you would like to make a donation, make it to: Christmas in April, P.O. Box 483, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

For more information, call Margaret Hadden at 228-467-1082.

The local Christmas in April is a 501(c)3 organization.

## the Queen, the King

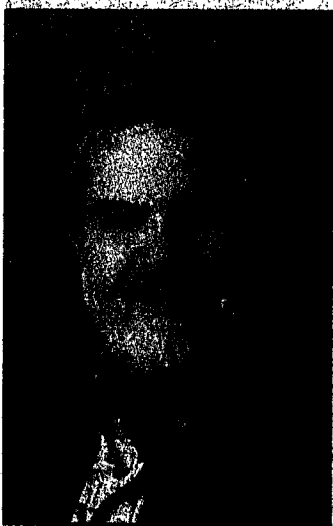


For someone traveling down Main Street in Bay St. Louis, the unassuming little house standing there would never draw their attention. If you didn't know it, you'd never suspect that months before even the most diehard fans of Mardi Gras have thought of the

fun ahead, costume designer Carter Church has rung in the season with rooms filled with glitter, feathers, rhinestones, crystals and the shiny materials that will adorn the attire for many Krewe's across several states.

Church has been designing costumes for Mardi Gras Krewe's for over 40

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Above Echo staff photos by Bennie Shalibetter  
Star Renee Chapman will reign as Queen of Iris with husband John "Chappy" Chapman, far left, as her King. The Chapmans are Waveland residents. Their costumes were designed and constructed by Bay St. Louis resident Carter Church, shown above, making a final fitting on Her Majesty's gown last week.

## Golden Hakone grass looks hot for spring

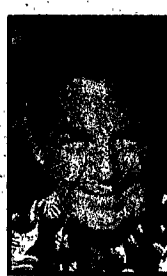


For optimal Southern performance, grow the Golden Hakone where it gets some morning sun but shade protection in the afternoon.

To be perfectly honest, I like the 70-degree days we had around New Year's Day, and I loathe the low-20s that followed. A two- or three-week winter would suit me fine because I am ready to dig in the dirt.

One of the plants high on my agenda is Golden Hakone grass, known botanically as Hakonechloa macra aureola, which reaches 12 to 14 inches in height. This grass is sure to be hot and may very well be the one that gets you hooked on ornamental grass. The golden, weeping texture of this grass is eye-catching in any garden.

One truly outstanding planting I recently saw in



### Southern Gardening

by Norman Winter  
MSU Horticulturist

Atlanta used it adjacent to a purple-leafed heuchera. For optimal Southern performance, grow the Golden Hakone where it gets some morning sun but shade protection in the afternoon.

Growing ornamental grass like the Golden Hakone is a lot easier than you think. Plant so that its size and elegant form stand out. More important with ornamental grasses than almost any other plant is to remove compet-

ing vegetation before planting. Many disgruntled gardeners have seen aggressive Bermuda grass or vines make themselves at home in an ornamental grass clump.

Apply a non-selective herbicide or remove with a hoe. A second herbicide application may be necessary.

Plant the Golden Hakone grass in loose, well-prepared beds rich in

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# Sports

## PRCC splits with Southwest

**THE SEA COAST ECHO**  
Pearl River split with Southwest in women's and men's MACJC South Division basketball action here Monday in M.R. White Coliseum.

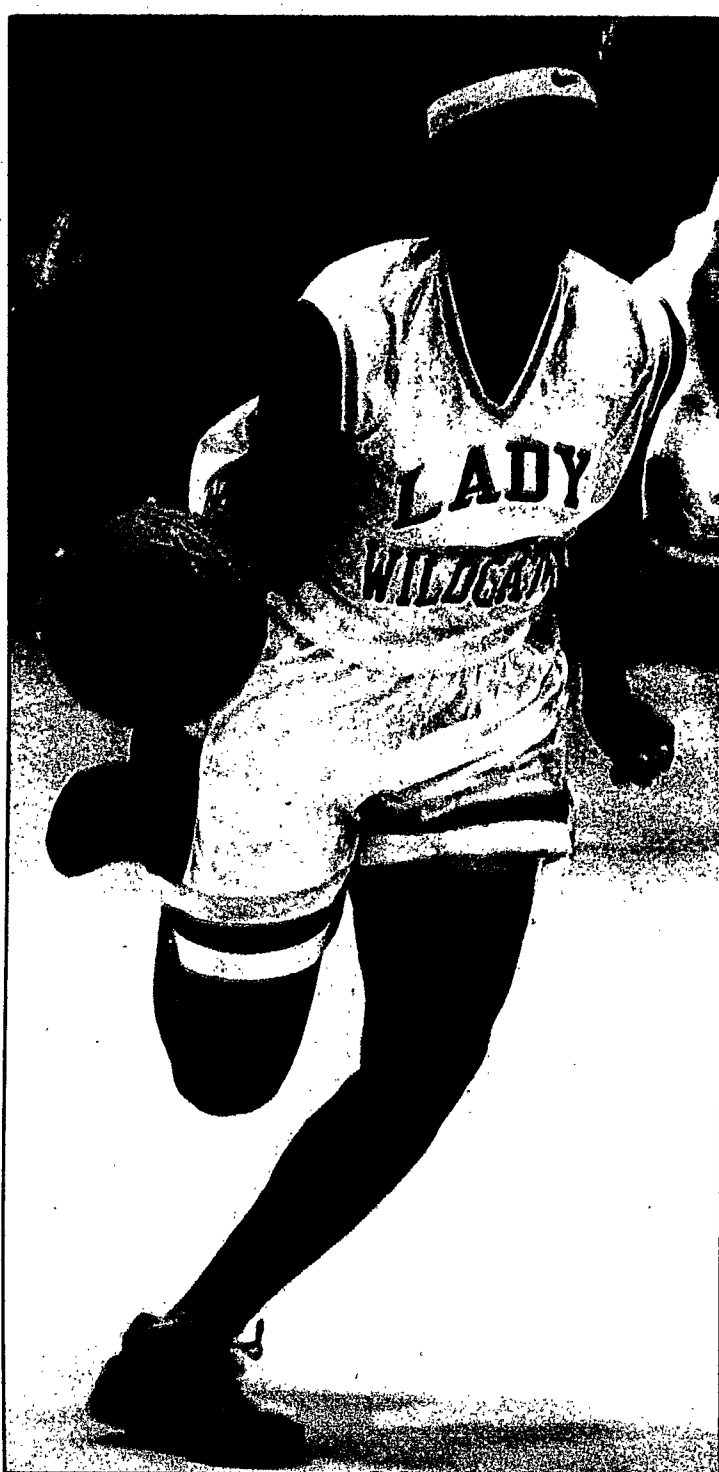
The Lady Wildcats took a 78-77 overtime loss to the Lady Bears to drop to 10-10 overall and 4-5 in division play, while a last-second bucket by Larry Brackins propelled the Wildcats to an 89-87 victory. PRCC's men improved to 13-6 and 6-3, while Southwest's men dropped to 7-12 and 4-5.

In women's action, things were tight in the first half with the score tied 3 times before Lady Wildcat Kim Winfrey of Oak Grove hit a bucket to snap a 29-29 stalemate with 4:12 left before the intermission to kick off an 11-4 run to end the half with PRCC up 40-33.

Pearl River's scoring spurt continued in the second half, as the Lady Wildcats opened with a 20-10 run to grab their biggest lead of the night at 60-43 with 8:05 left, but Southwest fought back. In less than 2 minutes, the Lady Bears had cut PRCC's lead to 62-57 with point Christin Bradford sinking 2 treys and a pair of foul shots during the 14-2 comeback surge.

Erika Holloway hit 2 of her 5 treys on the night during the remaining time, while bucketing a pair of foul shots to put the Lady Bears up 67-66 with 2:42 left in regulation. The lead exchanged hands twice more, but Lady Wildcat point Ashley Smith of Beaumont, Tex., sank a free throw with 16 seconds left to tie it at 69-69 and move things into overtime.

In the OT period, Southwest's Dawanna Addison shined, scoring 6 of the Lady Bears' 9 points to take the 1-point victory. PRCC's Carmen Labat of



PRCC Sports Information Photo By Mitch Deaver  
**Pearl River's Carmen Labat (23) races down court in the Lady Wildcats' 78-77 MACJC South Division loss Monday in Poplarville. Labat paced the Lady 'Cats with 25 points, including 3 treys. PRCC travels to Mississippi Gulf Coast in Perkinston Thursday.**

Bay High hit her third 3-point of the game with 19 seconds left to put the Lady Wildcats up 77-76, but Addison answered the trey with the game's final points on a put back to ice the vic-

tory. Labat finished the night with a team-high 25 points (3 treys).

The men's game was a neck-and-neck battle from start to finish. Pearl River

jumped out to a quick 13-6 lead in the first 7 minutes, but Southwest bounced back with a 12-3 run to go up 18-16 with 9:50 left in the half.

The Bears' B.J. Griffith, a former Picayune High standout, hit back-to-back treys to set the stage for Chris Magee's go-ahead bucket, but Daryl Cohen of Century, Fla., answered with his only points of the night when he pulled off a 3-point play to regain the lead at 19-18.

During the remaining time before the half, the score was tied 3 times and the lead exchanged hands 3 times before Wildcat point Jacoby Rawls of Sumrall sank a pair of foul shots to put PRCC up 31-30 with just under 2 minutes left. Pearl River finished the half with a 7-3 run to lead 38-32 at the intermission.

The Wildcats built their lead to as many as 13 points in the opening minutes of the second half when Larry Brackins of Dothan, Ala., scored to put PRCC up 51-38 with 16:55 left. But Southwest bounced back in a flash.

Over the next 6 minutes, the Bears outscored the Wildcats 22-10 to cut PRCC's lead to 61-60, then Jamie Magee's trey tied it up at 63-63 with 9:25 remaining.

Toby Coleman's bucket with 8:30 left put Southwest up 65-63. From that point the lead exchanged hands 5 times and the score was tied 3 times before Brackins iced the victory with a short jumper to snap an 87-87 deadlock in the final seconds.

It's more division action Thursday when PRCC travels to Mississippi Gulf Coast in Perkinston for 6 p.m. (women's) and 8 p.m. (men's) games, then league rival Copiah-Lincoln visits Monday (game times the same).

## OLA & SSC soccer return to state

**BY JOSEPH W. GEX II**  
Staff Writer

The Our Lady Academy Crescents (20-5-1) defeated the Madison-St. Joseph Bruins on Tuesday, by the score of 4-1 to claim the Class 1A-2A-3A South State championship and a berth in their fifth consecutive state title game.

OLA head coach Danny Owens commented, "Our whole defense and keeper, Annie Giardino, are playing very well. Rachel Cranford is in a zone where she can't stop scoring. While Rachel Cranford continues to score, Meghan Flynt keeps feeding her the ball. We are playing some good soccer right now. This team is playing in its fifth straight state championship game. They know what they have to do. Madison-St. Joseph is a

very good team and they played a very well."

Rachel Cranford recorded her second consecutive hat trick in the state playoffs with a three goal performance. Cranford scored twice in the first half on assists from Meghan Flynt and Laura Ellis to give OLA a 2-0 advantage at halftime.

Cranford tallied her hat trick on a header from a corner kick by Flynt about four minutes into the second half.

Lauren Renz added the fourth and final goal off an assist by Flynt with less than five minutes to play to make the final tally 4-1.

OLA will play the winner of the Corinth/West Lauderdale game on Saturday, February 7, at 1pm in Clinton for the Class 1A-2A-3A state title.

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws claimed their second consecutive Class 4A South State soccer title with a 5-0 shutout win over previously undefeated West Jones. Scoring details of the game were unavailable.

The Rocks will play for their second consecutive state soccer championship on Saturday, February 7, at 1pm in Pearl.

In second round high school soccer playoff action, the Our Lady Academy Crescents defeated North Pike 3-0. Rachel Cranford, the school's all-time leading scorer recorded the hat trick. Margaret Rittiner, Lauren Goulet and Ellen Dauterive all had assists to Cranford.

Annie Giardino had the shutout in goal that pushed OLA to 19-5-1 on the season

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# Sports

## Memphis' Hancock County connection makes big splash

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
Staff Writer

The residents of Hancock County love their basketball and are loyal to their teams and players. That feeling was incredibly evident at the Reed Green Coliseum on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg on Monday, February 2.

Two of Hancock County's favorite daughters came home on Monday to display their skills not 60 miles from where they grew up and played prep basketball when the University of Memphis Lady Tigers locked horns with the University of Southern Mississippi Lady Golden Eagles in a key Conference USA matchup.

Memphis head coach Joye Lee-McNelis and true freshman point guard Devin Necaise are both natives of Hancock County and prepped for the Hancock County School District. Lee-McNelis suited up for the Lady Hawks when the school was known as Hancock North Central and located on Cuevastown Road in rural northwestern part of the county. Necaise is a 2003 Hancock High School graduate and is the starting point guard for the Lady Tigers as a true freshman.

Lee-McNelis commented, "I am very thankful to the people of Hancock County for coming up to Hattiesburg to express their support for Devin Necaise and myself. It was very touching to see how loyal the hometown folks are. It is always great to come

home and see the people that played a huge part in your success."

There wasn't any doubt who the crowd of about 750 people were cheering for. It was overwhelmingly a pro-Memphis crowd; however, even more so a pro-Hancock County crowd.

While both Lee-McNelis and Necaise prepped at Hancock, they took different routes to Memphis. Lee-McNelis was a star player for the Lady Golden Eagles of USM and later named to the school's Hall of Fame the same year as another Hancock County great - Brett Favre.

Lee-McNelis remains USM's sixth all-time scoring leader and is Hancock's all-time scoring leader. She later was an assistant coach for Southwest Texas State and USM before taking the reins at Memphis in 1991 where she has guided the Lady Tigers to the post-season seven times during her 13-year tenure as head coach.

Lee-McNelis has also won four consecutive conference championships and produced five 20-win seasons at Memphis. The win over USM improved her coaching mark to 222-152 all-time.

Ironically, Necaise was not even recruited by USM. Memphis showed the most interest from the start and it was the same for Necaise. To say that Necaise has meshed well with the program in an understatement. She leads the team in 3-point field goal percentage and is averaging right at 23 minutes per game as the

starting point guard. Necaise averages just a shade over 7 points per game for Memphis. But, it is her grit and cool-under-pressure attitude that has made her a noticeable asset to the program. The "cherry on top" of this story is that Necaise is a true freshman. That is the point that turns heads!

Memphis won the game against USM 73-61 to improve to 15-6 overall and 5-3 in conference play. Lee-McNelis commented on the game against USM, "I am very proud of the way our team played. There are a few things that we needed to be successful on our southern road trip against Tulane and Southern Miss. We needed a big crowd to come and support us. We were able to get that both tonight and at Tulane. Second, we have been working on reducing our turnovers. We need to work harder on the glass. Tonight, we gave up 16 offensive boards. We have to work harder and focus there. Clock management, especially in the final five minutes, has been an area of concern for us. We did a good job of that tonight as we took basically on ill-

advised shot in that segment of time. Defensively, we wanted USM to take jump shots. With that focus, we knew that we had to step up the defensive intensity and take away the dribble and drive."

USM jumped out to a 4-0 lead and it would be the biggest lead they enjoy in the game. Necaise ignited the Memphis offense with three consecutive treys to give Memphis a 9-4 advantage. USM took their final lead of the game at 11-10 with 11:51 remaining in the first half.

Necaise went on to score four more points in the first half which gave her 13 points in the game. She ended the game with 13

points, 3 assists and 5 rebounds in 33 minutes of play. Not bad stats for a true freshman who is also asked to run the floor game for the team.

USM took 35-24 lead into intermission. In the second half, USM changed defenses on Devin Necaise and went to a box-and-1 which limited her offensive production; however, Necaise ran the floor game and USM never really threatened.

Necaise stated, "It is very nice to come home and play in front of family and friends that mean so much to you. It was an intense atmosphere. I was glad that we could give them a good game to watch. I am very appreciative of all the sup-

port from my friends and family back home."

The Lady Tigers have 6 games left on the schedule and have a goal of a 20-win season prior to the Conference USA tournament that is being held in Fort Worth, Texas this year.

There are two other Mississippi products on the Lady Tigers' squad. Raven Rogers is a 5-11 junior forward from Jackson Murrah High School and Princess Swilley is a 5-7 senior guard from Hazelhurst High School. Rogers finished the game with 13 points and 14 rebounds while Swilley added 13 points and 5 assists. USM was led by Deondra Carter with 14 points.

## BSL Babe Ruth Baseball

The Bay St. Louis Babe Ruth Baseball League will conduct registration for children ages 4 through 15 years during February and March. Registration will be held at the Bay St. Louis baseball complex on Athletic Drive on the following dates,

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Wednesday, March 3rd between 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.;  
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Anyone interested in serving as a coach should also register during any of these times.

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## Rocks chomp Gators

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, February 3, the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws (21-5, 9-2) knocked the Gautier Gators (15-8) out of the first place tie that they shared in Division 8 Class 4A with a 55-46 win. The win by SSC exacted some revenge for the 17-point loss they suffered on the road at Gautier earlier in the season.

The Rocks used a strong first half of basketball to gain the momentum. SSC built a 20-10 first period lead largely behind the play of Darius Acker who scored 9 points in the opening period. Grady Wyly sank two buckets for SSC, as well.

Acker then pushed the SSC lead to 25-10 scoring the first 5 points of the second period.

Ramsey Shawa and Rob Murray got in on the action in the second period as each player score four points. Zack Delaney added a three-pointer in the period, also. SSC enjoyed a 36-24 lead at intermission.

In the third period, the Rocks came out in a slump and did not score until 3:31 left in the period when Acker sank a layup. By the end of the period, the Rocks' lead evaporated to 44-36.

However, the Rocks put things back together in the final period as mario

Faranda scored 7 points in the final period.

SSC head coach Jay Ladner stated, "I thought we played well for about the first quarter and a half. We got into some foul trouble late in the second quarter which allowed Gautier to stabilize the run we were on. Gautier came out in the third period focused and playing well. We did a good job of regaining our composure."

Darius Acker led SSC with 19 points and 7 assists. mario Farnda scored 10 points and 8 rebounds while Ramsey Shawa had 10 points and 6 rebounds.

The Bay High Tigers swept a pair of games against the D'Iberville Warriors on Tuesday; however, scoring details were not available.

In other high school basketball action, the Pass Christian Lady Pirates were defeated 32-25 by the Long Beach Lady Bearcats on Friday, January 30. Scoring details of the game were not available.

The Hancock Lady Hawks (19-3, 6-0) defeated Oak Grove in a Division 6-5A game 61-43.

Courtney Craft led the attack for Hancock with 13 points followed by Ashley Boehnel with 11 points and Brooke Necaise with 10 points.

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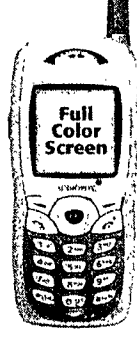
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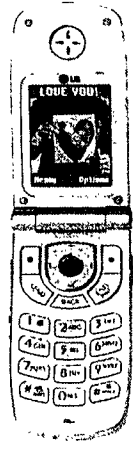
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## Queen

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years, and for the Krewe of Iris for 41 years. This year is a particularly special year because Carter's longtime friends and Waveland residents Star Renee and John "Chappy" Chapman will reign as King and Queen of Iris.

One evening last week, just days before the Masked Ball, "A Touch of Class," held at Pontchartrain Center in Kenner on Friday, Her Majesty appeared at the Main Street house for a final fitting of the "blaze of light" adorned by Church with more than 500 Swarovski rhinestones, hand cut French embroidered lace, Austrian crystals and pearls and silver French lame. Star and Chappy's costumes represent more than 600 hours of work.

The house was a flurry of activity, with Church and helpers Linda Favre and Susan Earles putting the finishing touches to the room full of costumes that would have to be delivered over the next few weeks.

Other friends and relations stopped in to visit or lend a hand. Throughout the season, precious items are transported back and forth from Church's Mardi Gras central to various outposts in New Orleans or elsewhere. Tonight, a large bag of feathers was leaving to go to a head dress maker in New Orleans.

"It really is a community effort to make this all work," said Church. "And you've got to love it."

In front of a large mirror Her Majesty Queen Star admired her dress as Church put on the finishing touches.

"I feel like a real queen," said Star, who grew up in New Orleans. "Mardi Gras has been a part of my life all my life ... I dressed up on Mardi Gras Day since I was a kid and I still do. I still love the thrill of catching the beads and the elusive coconut."

When other little girls were playing with Barbie and Ken, Star's Barbie doll was on a shoe box float pre-tending to be Queen of Mardi Gras, she said.

"Chappy and I are thrilled to be royalty together, and in our hometown," Star said "It's a childhood dream come true."

Earlier, at the Chapman home on Beach Blvd. in Waveland, it was easy to see that the couple really does love Mardi Gras. Trinkets of the season filled the elegant rooms. The large dining room table had been delegated for gifts of the season.

"We have all the costumes we have ever worn," said Chappy.

Photographs and paintings of the couple and their children John Hutton Jr. and Laura, in Mardi regalia from years past hung on the walls. Chappy is a member of Bacchus and Star is a member of the local Krewe of Nereids. This is Star's first year with Iris.

Each year they return to the city on the Friday evening before Mardi Gras to join in the celebrations, turning their St. Charles Ave. condominium into party central. The couple has made their home in Waveland for the past 20 years.

"We came home (to New Orleans) from a visit out here and we had been robbed," said Chappy. "They had taken everything ... we came back out here that night and literally never went back again."

They had been asked to serve as royalty in Iris before and this year, they say, it just seemed to be the right timing. Though an honor, accepting such a position is a great responsibility, requiring both sacrifices of time and finances. Church's creations average in price from \$1,000 to \$20,000 and bearing the expense of a costume is only one of the responsibilities awaiting potential royalty.

Decisions begin the year before. But the excitement of the Mardi Gras season is in the Chapman's blood.

"I think one of my favorite parts of the season was on Mardi Gras evening when Comus and Rex meet, Comus dressed in silver and Rex dressed in gold, Comus promenading with the Queen of Rex and Rex promenading with the Queen of Comus, which signals the end of Mardi Gras," said Star.

"In the past when Zulu came over by boat on Mardi Gras morning no one ever knew when the parade would begin," said Chappy. "Or where the parade would go ... there was no set route. It was always exciting because there was this uncertainty and unpredictability."

Star holds a B.A. in Speech, Drama, English, and History, but her real love is dancing, which she has been doing since she was three years old, although that is another story. She is the president of

Chappy's Inc. Steel Magnolias Investment Club and Absolute Diva, managing partner in Bay Medical Spa and a member of the World Trade Center and RBIC.

Chappy is the vice president of Chappy's Inc. and a member of the World Trade Center and the Founding Father's Society of St. Stanislaus and leads the Children's Choir at St. Clare Catholic Church.

They list their passions as their children, fishing, singing, music, gardening, and of course, cooking. The Chapmans have been staunch supporters of various causes in the community, they say, and have participated in many benefit events. They have chaired the St. Clare Seafood Festival, the Gourmet Extravaganza for St. Stanislaus, The Bid for Life, and The Cotton Blossom Ball. They have participated in OLA Food Festival, Toast to the Coast, Hope Haven Halloween Party, the McDonald House Christmas

Party for Hope Haven, Benefits for Alzheimer's, the Celtic Festival and more. Recently they served as one of the caterers for BAM On The Beach.

The Krewe of Iris was the first all women's Krewe, organized in 1917 and named for Iris, the Goddess of the Rainbow.

For much of the time before this, Mardi Gras was a male dominated holiday. Ladies were relegated to a "call out" section at the balls, waiting to be asked to dance by the men. Until Rex, in 1873, the King of Carnival did not even have a queen. Gradually, the hol-

iday became a season for the women to display their charms, instead of a season for the men to strut their stuff. The ladies of the Krewe of Iris decided to reverse the roles, requiring the men at the masked balls to be placed in the "call out" section waiting for a dance.

The Iris parade will roll at 11:30 on Saturday, February 21 in New Orleans, just as it has done for the past 53 years, since 1951, under sunny skies, guaranteed. The skies always clear for Iris, said Church, last year. The parade has never been rained out.

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Public Hearings for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Purchase of Land in Hancock County, Mississippi for a Naval Special Operations Forces Training Range

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section (102)(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and the regulations implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the Department of Navy (Navy) has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on January 30, 2004, to evaluate the potential environmental consequences of purchasing 5,200 acres inside the northwestern acoustic buffer zone at the National Aeronautical and Space Administration's John C. Stennis Space Center (SSC) in Hancock County, MS. The acquired acreage would be used as a Naval Special Operations Forces (SOF) Training Range where exercises using Short Range Training Ammunition (SRTA) could be conducted. The Navy will conduct two public hearings to receive oral and written comments on the DEIS. Federal, state, and local agencies and interested individuals are invited to be present or represented at the public hearings. Navy representatives will be available to clarify information related to the DEIS. This notice announces the dates and locations of the public hearings for this DEIS.

**DATES AND ADDRESSES:** Two public hearings will be held beginning at 7 p.m. and ending at 9 p.m. at the following dates and locations: Tuesday, February 17, 2004, Hancock County Court House, 150 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, MS; Wednesday, February 18, 2004, Slidell City Auditorium, 2055 2nd Street, Slidell, LA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Richard Davis, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, P.O. Box 190010, North Charleston, SC 29419-9010. Telephone (843) 820-5589, facsimile (843) 820-7472, or e-mail: richard.a.davis1@navy.mil.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A Notice of Intent to prepare this DEIS was published in the Federal Register, 68 FR 9998, March 3, 2003. Public scoping meetings were held on March 18, 2003 at the Hancock High School, Kiln, MS and on March 20, 2003 at the Slidell City Auditorium, Slidell, LA.

The proposed action is to purchase 5,200 acres of real estate to establish a riverine and jungle training range for Naval SOF where SRTA up to 0.50 caliber can be conducted. SRTA is a plastic, non-lead, non-explosive projectile with a limited flight profile.

Naval SOF would conduct water-to-land SRTA-fire training from the East Pearl River and Mikes River into the range and land-to-land SRTA-fire would be conducted wholly inside the range perimeter. The following training activities would also occur within the range perimeter: land patrolling and reconnaissance by foot and passenger vehicles; equipment testing and evaluation; immediate action drills; communications drills; use of maritime unmanned aerial vehicles, unmanned riverine observation craft, and High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicles; and insertions and extractions via helicopter. The establishment of an interior range perimeter safety buffer and "no-fire" sectors along the East Pearl and Mikes Rivers would preclude impacts on adjacent land and water areas outside the range.

Alternatives considered in the DEIS include various sites in the vicinity of SSC. The preferred locational alternative is establishment of training areas along reaches of the East Pearl River and Mikes River. In addition, the DEIS evaluates three training alternatives that address the type and tempo of activities to be conducted on the range. Implementation of the proposed action is not expected to result in any significant short- or long-term impacts on physical, biological, or socioeconomic resources.

The DEIS has been distributed to various Federal, state, and local agencies, elected officials, and interested parties, and is available for public review at the following libraries: Hancock Public Library, Bay St. Louis Branch, 312 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, MS; and St. Tammany Parish Library, Slidell Branch, 555 Robert Boulevard, Slidell, LA.

Oral statements presented at the public hearing will be heard and transcribed by a stenographer; however, to ensure the accuracy of the record, all statements should be submitted in writing. All statements, both oral and written, will become part of the public record on the DEIS and will be responded to in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Equal weight will be given to both oral and written statements.

In the interest of available time and to ensure that all who wish to give an oral statement have the opportunity to do so, each speaker's comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. If a longer statement is to be presented, it should be summarized at the public hearing and the full text submitted in writing either at the hearing or faxed or mailed to: SBT-22 Range EIS, c/o Commanding Officer, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, P.O. Box 190010, North Charleston, SC 29419-9010, Attn: Code ES12/RD (Richard A. Davis), telephone (843) 820-5589 or facsimile (843) 820-7472. All written comments postmarked by March 15, 2004 will become part of the official public record and will be responded to in the FEIS.



Echo staff photo by Bennie Shalhbetter  
Linda Favre, Church's assistant, works on a trim for a Mardi Gras costume.

## Gardening

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organic matter. Incorporate 3 to 4 inches of peat or compost to improve drainage and aeration. While tilling, add 2 pounds per 100 square feet of a 12-6-6 slow-release fertilizer with minor nutrients.

Plant at the same depth they are growing in the container, placing the crown of the plant slightly above the soil line. Water the grass thoroughly after planting to remove any air pockets and to settle the soil. Add a good layer of mulch after planting to prevent a rapid loss of moisture from evaporation and to prevent weeds.

Cut back the grass in February before any new growth has begun. Trim back to just above ground level almost like you would do a variegated liriopse. After cutting back, side-dress with an application of the 12-6-6-fertilizer, then

again in midsummer. Keeping the bed well-mulched and watered during the summer pays off with a healthier, happier plant.

Using an ornamental grass like the Golden Hakone does not require a design school education. The use is almost as simple as digging a hole, planting the grass and tucking in few of your other favorite plants with the same light and soil requirements. I've already mentioned purple-leafed heuchera or coral bells. Also try blue-leafed forms of hosta, blooming vinca, violas, coleus and lilac to violet selections of impatiens.

We may have a while yet to go, but we can pass the wintry days making plans for the planting season. I urge you to include Golden Hakone grass in your landscape designs.

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# Entertainment

## From the heART

*A valentine for the heart, soul and eyes*

**THE SEA COAST ECHO**  
fter a long hiatus, Elizabeth Schafer returns to the art scene with a series of paintings titled "From the heART," available at Serenity Gallery in Bay St. Louis. Just in time for Valentine's Day.

These whimsical and endearing paintings of hearts were inspired while Schafer was critically ill last year. Bed-ridden, she wasn't capable of sketching or painting.

She didn't even feel creative. Throughout the course of her illness, both in the hospital and at home, she would be continually stirred to paint hearts. She knew that once she got better the first project she'd tackle would be these inspired hearts.

"I've learned over the years never to turn my back on inspirations. You never know what will emerge or the message contained until it is completely explored."

Once she started getting better and could turn some of her concentration from healing her body towards finding her forgotten creativity.

She was still confined to her bed most of the time, but she began sketching and pondering how to take this universal symbol of

love, an image that is so overused and at times trivial, into something noteworthy.

She began sketching page after page of hearts, contemplating and exploring the meaning and the message.

After over 1 year of illness she was finally strong enough to return to the studio as a changed artist armed with pages of sketches and thoughts. And as life's experiences change each of us, it changed her as a person and as an artist. She had to relearn the basics: stroke, color, design, and a process. So she daringly put down her first stroke of lavender, then the next stroke of red, and paintings began to emerge one after another. Many new discoveries arose as each painting was completed. More ideas sprung up, and more chances were taken at the onset of the next painting. The pieces began emerging as bitter-sweet, painful, heart breaking, loving, jealousy, a symbol of the body, a symbol of the soul. Her palette, along with her stroke had changed from bold and strong to sensitive and caring.

The process became a fun and exciting way to return to the studio, and not so frightening as it can be



A scene from Bay St. Louis artist Elizabeth Schafer's "From the heART."

when reintroducing yourself to an old, dear friend.

As anyone who is critically ill her life had been put on hold along with her wedding plans. But now, as the paintings progressed her wedding day drew nearer. And now she would be able to walk down the aisle without concern, so as wedding preparations and decisions were made, she decided to develop some of the works about this joyous occasion. She gave them as gifts and incorporated hearts into her wedding theme. Now as

Valentine's Day draws nearer she has created even more for this heart-felt, fun holiday.

The show will hang through February 18 at Serenity Gallery in Old Town, Bay St. Louis, MS. Just in time for Valentine's Day. These paintings offer a lifetime of messages for the heart, soul and eyes, a one-of-a-kind expression of love. The works range from bold, colorful and whimsical, to sensitive and enduring. These are expressions that promise to last a lifetime.

## 'Wetlands' at the Discovery Center

**THE SEA COAST ECHO**  
Wonder Filled Wetlands, an environmental exhibit, opens at the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center on Saturday, February 7. This is the second exhibit in four months that has opened at the Discovery Center. "Celebrate the World We Share-Mexico", an international travel exhibit where children can experience the Mexican culture, opened in October, 2003.

The Wonder-Filled Wetlands exhibit is the final component of a three year long environmental project made possible by a grant

from the Mississippi Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP), administered by the MS Department of Environmental Quality and the Harrison County Board of Supervisors. The Lynn Meadows Discovery Center received \$193,000 to provide hands-on exhibits and programs that communicate the "wonder", the mystery, and the majesty of the wetlands to young people.

In the exhibit, children can become a Wetlands Investi-Gator and discover facts about recycling and taking care of our Mississippi Gulf Coast envi-

ronment; report their findings before screens of "environmental scenes" in the setting of a television studio with roles for cameramen, directors and producers; then experience a kayak trip down the Wolf River.

During opening day, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., activities include creating dragonfly, ladybug, butterfly or bee wings; laughing at a puppet show with wetland animals; touching tidal critters from Marine Life; practicing nest building skills; experimenting with different soils and water; investigating tree growth with "slices" of limbs and composting with worms

and Sam the Garden Man. At 2:00, there will be a special recognition ceremony for the Discovery Center's environmental supporters.

All the activities are included in the \$6.00 admission or membership. For more information about the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center 228-897-6039.

## Chamber Orchestra seeks musicians

The Gulf Coast Chamber Orchestra has resumed rehearsals for the 2004 Spring Concert Season. Rehearsals are scheduled on Mondays at 7:00 PM at the Seacoast Building 983 Howard Ave. in Biloxi. The orchestra is calling for classical musicians, especially string players, who may be interested in playing with

the orchestra. Works for the Spring Concert include: Mozart 40th Symphony, Vivaldi Concerto for Two Trumpets, and many other challenging works.

The Gulf Coast Chamber Orchestra is conducted by Ken Davies and is a civic-minded group of Coast

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**126 Campers/Motor Homes**

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**136 Automobiles**

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## 138 Trucks, Vans

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CREDIT PROBLEMS FORGIVEN, 01 Explorer, low miles, like new, \$249 a month. Jimmy Stockstill Motors, Picayune, 1-800-798-9133.

CREDIT PROBLEMS FORGIVEN, 1999 Chevy S-10 Blazer, clean, \$219 a month. Jimmy Stockstill Motors, Picayune, 1-800-798-9133.

FORD F250 DIESEL, A/C, AUTO, utility bed, extra tires, \$3,000, runs great. Call Dave 228-216-0536.

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## 138 Trucks, Vans

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## 143 Real Estate Services

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## 145 Roommates Wanted

ROOMMATE WANTED: Light housework, run errands, in exchange for rent. Call after 7 p.m. 466-0751 or leave message and number.

## 146 Rooms For Rent

GUEST ROOM AT CARROL House in Spanish Acres. TV, continental breakfast, plus extras. \$300/month. 467-6876.

## 147 Apartments For Rent

1 BEDROOM COMPLETELY FURNISHED, utilities and cable. 467-8245.

1/BR COTTAGE FOR RENT, \$350/mo, \$350/dep. Call 467-6533, ask for Mike.

2 & 3 BEDROOM DUPLEXES, 1 & 1/2 baths, utility room, w/d hook-ups. 328 Old Spanish Trail. 467-3601.

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NEW CONST-2/BR, WASHER/dryer, dishwasher, ref., range included. Quiet neighborhood in county. \$600/mo., \$600/dep. 467-5601.

NORTH HANCOCK COUNTY 2/BR, \$345/mo., plus deposit, and 3/BR, \$445/mo., plus deposit, over looking lake. 228-255-4067.

## 147 Apartments For Rent

UPSTAIRS 1/BR, \$395, NEW carpet, must have ref. & sign lease. Call 466-2631, before 9:00a.m./or 255-4398 before 6:00p.m.

## 148 Mobile Homes For Rent

2BR MOBILE HOME, KILN AREA. 255-5529.

2BR/1BA MOBILE HOME, pet free, smoke free. \$375/month, \$250/dep. 255-7431. Call 493-5799.

3BR/2BA MOBILE HOME, KILN area. \$500/mo., includes water & garbage, \$200/dep., available February 1st. 985-781-6165.

8040 HWY. 90, 3BR/2BA, H/A, carpeted, screened porch, carport, \$500/mo. 504-286-3819.

SMALL 1 BEDROOM all electric, Waveland, \$260/month plus deposit. 467-5388.

## 149 Mobile Homes For Sale

14' WIDE, 2BR., TRAILER with shed, 150x150 corner lot in Pearlinton, \$14,000 firm. 504-279-0796, 533-7074.

DOUBLE WIDE TRAILER, 5/BR., 3/1/1 baths, 6 lots, \$80,000 (negotiable). Will rent \$800/mo., includes garbage & sewage, pet free. 467-8028.

REPO: SELLING OFF PROPERTY site. Double wide, great shape, late model, \$16,600. You move it! 228-313-4340.

## 150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

1/2 MILE FROM BEACH OFF Lakeshore Rd. Small 2BR/1Ba, living room, large den, fenced back yard, central a/h. Annual lease, \$500/mo. plus deposit, pet free. 601-798-5720.

1200 SQ. FT. DUPLEX 2/bedrooms, w-walk-in closets, 2 full baths, washer/dryer connections. \$575/mo \$300/dep., 1 year lease, references required. 467-8256.

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2 BEDROOM IN COUNTY. Refrigerator, washer/dryer, range, dishwasher inc., central a/h. Rent \$600, deposit, \$600. 467-5601.

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2BR/1BA, CLOSE TO RIVER & I-10, B.S.L., \$600/mo. Also small cottage completely furnished. Close to Bayou Caddy & Casino. 493-3303.

308 FINK ST., WAVELAND. 3/BR, large-yard, combination living & dining room, hardwood-floors, bath, central-a/h. Laundry/room separate, nice porch, pet/free \$650/mo \$650/dep. 504-271-8537.

3BR/2BA DUPLEX 172 FELICITY St. \$775/mo plus deposit, McIntyre Rapp Real Estate. 467-3777.

## 150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

3BR/2BA, 1500 SQ. FT. CENTRAL a/h, security system, \$600/mo., \$300/dep., pet/free. Lower Bay Rd. Call after 5:00p.m. 467-7886.

910 MAPLE ST., WAVELAND: 3BR/1Ba, like new, large yard, maintenance free, central a/h, \$650/mo., \$500/dep. 228-216-5750.

ATTN. INVESTORS: 3 BEDROOM fixer upper in a great location. Only \$31,900, Key Properties. 467-0600.

CUTE COTTAGE NEAR BEACH. 2Bd/1Ba, \$450 per month plus utilities 504-250-5199.

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FOR RENT: HOME & OFFICE ON Hwy. 603 close to I-10 & B.S.L. \$675/mo. 493-3303.

LIKE NEW 3 BR, 2 BA FROM \$750 per month. Century 21 of Diamondhead. 255-3550.

OLD TOWN DUPLEX, OFF STREET quiet location, central a/h, 2BR/1Ba, block to downtown. Pet/smoke free. \$475/mo. plus deposit. Available March 1st. Sailfish Realty. 342-0783.

SINGLES CAMP: Smoking on porch, residence on water, pet free, w/d, a/h, \$375/mo. plus security deposit. 228-216-0536 David.

THREE BEDROOM, TWO BATH, stove/refrigerator, washer/dryer, excellent neighborhood, spacious yard. References required, pet free, \$850/month, \$500/dep. 463-0043.

WATERFRONT RENTAL BEAUTIFUL, 3bd/3ba, dock, decks, Bay area, high, dry, only \$700/mo. 228-452-0064 or 228-216-5109.

## 156 Lots/Acreage

100% OWNER FINANCING. Will also finance water connection and septic system fees. White Cypress Lakes. Beautiful lots from 1 acre to 30 acres, mobile homes allowed in certain areas and great fishing. Ten miles east of I-59, Carriere exit, thirty miles from Bay St. Louis. 228-255-1790.

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Beautiful Oak Trees,  
Community Water.  
Owner Finance.  
255-4068

FOR SALE: TWO HIGH DRY LOTS, quite location, good street, Bayside Park, owner financing, only \$1,250. each, \$100. down. 228-467-5734.

LOT FOR SALE: CHAPMAN RD., B.S.L., 80x120. Must see, make offer. Call 324-7930

WATERFRONT LOT: SHORELINE Park, great area for home or fishing camp, paved street, near Waveland, \$10,000. Owner financing available. 228-467-5734.

## 156 Lots/Acreage

WATERFRONT: 9 LOTS, 50X100 & 50X300, deep Canal, some owner finance. 493-3303.

## 158 Commercial Property

900 SQ FEET IN COAST PLAZA corner Hwy 90 and McLaurin Street. \$900 per month. Larger space available. 228-466-3333.

FOR RENT: HOME & OFFICE ON Hwy. 603 close to I-10 & B.S.L. \$675/mo. 493-3303.

FOR SALE: B.S.L., MS. HWY. 603 & Central. Commercial lot fill to build. 493-3303.

HWY. 90 FRONTAGE, WAVELAND. 2400 sq. ft. showroom, 2400 sq. ft. warehouse, air/heat, fenced yard. Call for info. 467-0534.

HWY. 90 NEAR HANCOCK MEDICAL Center 1200 sq. ft. office space for lease recently remodeled \$850/mo. 467-8392.

OFFICE & RETAIL SPACE available: Choctaw Village, Waveland MS. Phone 228-255-4396 or Pager 228-883-8554.

OFFICE SPACE APPROX. 900 SQ. ft. 910 Hwy. 90, Waveland, next to Mardi Gras Madness. \$400/mo. plus deposit. 467-7678.

## 159 Houses For Sale

2/BD BRICK HOME FOR SALE IN Poplarville, in subdivision on a big lot. \$70,000. 601-795-4486 or 228-463-0831.

3BR/1BA, IN DIAMONDHEAD, \$59,900. 255-0403 or 669-4444.

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## 159 Houses For Sale

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FOR SALE OR RENT: WATERFRONT, Bay area beautiful, 3bd/3ba. Scenic 3 1/2 lots appraised \$120,000 asking only \$96,000. 864-6519.

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WATERFRONT HOMES Diamondhead: Call (228)342-6220 or 255-3550 Century 21 Diamondhead/Jen B. for a list or info.

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## RURAL DEVELOPMENT (FORMERLY FmHA)

## INVESTMENT PROPERTY (FORECLOSURE SALE)

The following property will be sold for cash at public auction to the highest bidder on February 23, 2004, commencing at 11:00 a.m.

Property address: 1003 Rue DeLasalle, Waveland, MS. (3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath Brick Veneer)

The sale will be held at the North front door of the Hancock County Courthouse in the city of Bay St. Louis, MS. For complete legal description and details of the sale, please refer to the legal section of this newspaper.

For more information, please contact Carol M. Cowart, Community Development Manager at (228) 831-0881, ext. 4 or 12238 Ashley Drive, Gulfport, MS 39503.



## NOW LEASING!

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Unique Quiet & Secluded Home Near Twin Lakes in Diamondhead! Offers 2 bed/2 baths with an upstairs loft and den. Walk to the Lake on Nature Trail behind house. Reduced to \$105,000 and owners want to see all offers. ML#146118

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3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH HOME near beach in Pass Christian. Completely renovated, garage, large back yard. \$975.00

CUTE 1 BEDROOM COTTAGE near beach. New Carpet, ceramic tile, and new countertops. Located in a great neighborhood near Old Town. \$550.00

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT \$300.00

2 BEDROOM HOUSE, new flooring. \$425.00

## FOR SALE

LARGE WOODED LOT on Chartres Street in Bay St. Louis, \$26,500.00

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JUST LISTED, 3 BD., 1 BA., approx. 1,404 sq. ft. with 50 X 127 lot. Located near Olde Towne Bay St. Louis this house has been painted inside and out but does need some work. Listed at \$79,000(3B8)

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION! This strip center located on Waveland Ave. is just south of Hwy 90 next to a shopping center and surrounded by approx. 6 apartment complexes. Also includes 3 vacant lots. Previous uses have been a real estate office, pharmacy and laundromat. Priced at \$295,000(C4)

JUST LISTED 2 Bd., 3 Ba. raised home on Sandy Hook Dr. in Pass Christian. Located in one of the Pass' most desirable location, this one is priced to sell at \$96,000(2B15)

WOULD MAKE AN EXCELLENT starter home or rental income. 3 Bd., 2 Ba., carport, freshly painted interior in good neighborhood. Motivated seller, looking for an offer. Call for your private showing today. List Price is \$74,900 (3B27)

MAGNIFICENT BEACHFRONT HOME situated on 3 acres with large Oaks and Magnolias also includes sandy beach lot riparian rights. Colonial style offering 3 bd., 2 ba., 2,874 sq. ft., hardwood floors, carpet and terrazzo, all furniture, appliances, and boats removed. In ground pool, sun porch, carport a bonus. Screened veranda offers great breezes from the Gulf of Mexico. Call for owner financing details. \$825,000 (3B12)

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## Public Notices

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
**GORDON H. KOLB**  
**PLAINTIFF**  
**VERSUS**  
**GILBERT C. ELMER AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY EQUITABLE OR LEGAL INTEREST IN AND TO THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LAND**  
**CAUSE NO. 04-00059**  
 Beginning at a point 200 feet West of the North-east corner of Lot 1, Square 18, according to the map of Henderson County Subdivision, made for the Henderson County Land Company, filed for record July 31st, 1900; and recorded in the record of Plats of Harrison County, Mississippi in book 34, page 32; running from said point West along the South side of North Street a distance of 50 feet; thence South a distance of 107.5 feet; thence East along the South side of Lot 2 of said square a distance of 50 feet; thence North 107.5 feet to the point of beginning, being a lot 50 feet wide East and West and 107.5 feet North and South and being part of Lots 1 and 2 of said Square 18.

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
**COUNTY OF HARRISON**  
 TO: GILBERT C. ELMER, if alive, who is believed to be a non-resident of the State of Mississippi, whose last known and present address, both post office and street address are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, his unknown heirs at law or devisees;  
 ANY AND ALL PERSONS having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in the following described property whose names, post office and street addresses are unknown to the Plaintiff after diligent search and inquiry, who may be served with process of the Court by publication as prescribed by law.

YOU have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Gordon Kolb, seeking removal of cloud on title and to confirm and quiet title in the above described property located in Harrison County, Mississippi. YOU are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response to the Plaintiff filed in this Court in this action to Joseph Kelly, attorney at law, whose address is 201 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 39520.

**YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT MAILED OR DELIVERED ON OR BEFORE SAID DATE, JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.**

YOU must also file the original of your response with the clerk of this Court within the 30 days mentioned above.

**ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, this 12th day of January, 2004.**  
 (SEAL)

JOHN MCADAMS, CHANCERY CLERK  
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 BY: LARRY D. BURROWS, DEPUTY CLERK  
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**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**DIAMONDHEAD COUNTRY CLUB AND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**PLAINTIFF**  
**VERSUS**  
**PROFESSIONAL HOMES, LLC, AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY EQUITABLE OR LEGAL INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND**  
**DEFENDANT**  
 2, Block 3, Unit 7, Diamondhead, Phase 2, Hancock County, Mississippi, according to the map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

**CAUSE NO. 2003-593**  
**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
**COUNTY OF HARRISON**  
 TO: PROFESSIONAL HOMES, LLC, is a limited liability company doing business in the State of Mississippi, whose agent for process, Dan McCortie, whose last known and present address, both post office and street address are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, his unknown heirs at law or devisees;  
 ANY AND ALL PERSONS having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in the following described property whose names, post office and street addresses are unknown to the Plaintiff after diligent search and inquiry, who may be served with process of the Court by publication as prescribed by law.

YOU have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Diamondhead Country Club and Property Owners Association, Inc., seeking pass property owner's dues in Lot 2, Block 3, Unit 7, Diamondhead, Phase 2, Hancock County, Mississippi. YOU are summoned to appear and defend against the Complaint or Petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 O'clock A.M. on the 8th day of March, 2004, in the Courtroom of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

YOU are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. **ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, this 30th day of Jan., 2004.**  
 (SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK  
 P.O. BOX 550, BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39521  
 BY: Erica Candebat, DEPUTY CLERK  
 02/05/04

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR ADOPTION**  
**PLAINTIFFS**  
**VERSUS**  
**THE NATURAL PARENTS OF AN INFANT FEMALE CHILD, BORN ON APRIL 20, 2002**  
**NAMES AND ADDRESSES UNKNOWN**  
**CAUSE NO. C2301-04-001(4)**  
**SUMMONS**  
**RULE 81 SUMMONS**

**THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
 TO: The Natural Parents of an Infant Female Child born on April 20, 2002, Names and Addresses Unknown. YOU are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this Court by Plaintiffs seeking an adoption of an Infant Female Child born on April 20, 2002. Defendants other than you in this action are unknown.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 O'clock A.M. on the 8th day of March 2004, in the Chancery Courtroom of the Hancock County Courthouse (152 Main Street) at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. **ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, this 23rd day of January, 2004.**  
 (SEAL)

Tim Kellar, Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi  
 BY: Pamela Cuevas, DEPUTY CLERK  
 01/25/02; 02/05/04

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**CORINNE S. KACHLER**  
**PLAINTIFF/COUNTER DEFENDANT**  
**VS.**  
**EDWARD KESTLER, et al**  
**DEFENDANTS/COUNTER PLAINTIFFS**  
**CAUSE NO. 2001-347**  
**SUMMONS**

**THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
 TO: Heirs-at-Law of Edward Latham Strong, deceased  
 Heirs-at-Law of Louise C. Strong, deceased  
 Heirs-at-Law of Sedonia C. Strong, deceased  
 YOU have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Corinne S. Kachler, Plaintiff seeking ADJUDICATION OF THE HEIRS-AT-LAW OF EDWARD LATHAM STRONG, deceased, Louise C. Strong, deceased and Sedonia C. Strong, deceased. Defendants other than you in this action are William Edward Kestler, Marian C. Kestler, and Janice Kestler McDonald, who together with Corinne S. Kachler are alleged to be the sole living Heirs-at-Law of the Decedents and only interested parties.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 8th day of March, 2004, in the courtroom of the Hancock County Courthouse, at 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. **ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, this 14 day of January, 2004.**  
 (SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, Chancery Clerk  
 By: Larinell Scarborough, D.C. Deputy Clerk  
 P.O. Box 550  
 Bay St. Louis, MS 39521  
 (228) 467-5404  
 01/22/02; 02/05/04

## Public Notices

**Sealed proposals will be received by:**  
**Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission**  
**706 Highway 90**  
**Waveland, MS 39576**

**Until: 2:00 p.m.**  
**On: 3rd day of March, 2004**  
 For: 2,000 sq. ft. Office Building at Stennis International Airport  
 At the above time and place, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. No bids may be withdrawn after scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least sixty (60) days. The Owner has the right to reject any or all bids and to waive all formalities.

A complete set of Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of Digital Engineering and Imaging at 295 Hwy. 90, Suite 9, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520, telephone (228) 463-0130 by a qualified licensed contractor upon payment of \$50.00. The full deposit for one set of documents will be refunded to each General Contractor who submits a bona fide bid. For additional sets of documents and for documents issued to subcontractors or material suppliers the cost for reproduction of each set will be deducted from the deposit and the balance refunded. Refunds will only be made for documents returned to the Engineer within ten (10) days after the opening of bids. Refunds will only be made on documents returned complete, in good condition and unmarked.

A PRE-BID MEETING will be held  
 On: Friday, February 20, 2004  
 At: 2:00 p.m.  
 Location: Stennis International Airport (project site)  
 Phillips Aviation (inside hangar)  
 7254 Stennis Airport Drive  
 Kilm, Mississippi 39556

to allow prospective Bidders to review the job scope (and site conditions). Sealed proposals shall be marked on the envelope cover, plainly and prominently with the following:  
 a) Bidder's name, address and telephone number;  
 b) Certificate of Responsibility of Contractor if the bid is in excess of \$50,000.00, and  
 c) The Statement "Proposal for (project name and number)".  
 All proposals must be submitted to the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission  
 01/25/02; 02/05/04

## SECTION 0000

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**  
 Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received for the project named below by the: Hancock County School District, 17304 Highway 603, Kilm, Mississippi 39556 until Thursday, March 4, 2004 at 2:00 p.m.

**Board Room, Hancock County School District, 17304 Highway 603, Kilm, Mississippi 39556**  
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## Public Notices

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF**  
**LETICIA CHEVIEZ BOOKHART, DECEASED**  
**CAUSE NO. C2301-04-083(1)**

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 30th day of January, 2004, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of LETICIA CHEVIEZ BOOKHART, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registered according to law within ninety (90) days from date of first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. Witness my signature, this 30th day of January, 2004.

FRED B. BOOKHART, JR.,  
 EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF  
 LETICIA CHEVIEZ BOOKHART, Deceased  
 FAYRE, GENIN & SCARFIDE  
 Attorneys at Law  
 P.O. Box 70  
 Bay St. Louis, MS 39520  
 228-467-5411  
 02/05/02; 02/19/04

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**OF BRUCE FRANKLIN BURROWS, DECEASED**  
**CAUSE NO. C2301-04-045(3)**

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 16th day of January, 2004, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of BRUCE FRANKLIN BURROWS, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registered according to law within ninety (90) days from date of first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. Witness my signature, this 16th day of January, 2004.

LARRY DUANE BURROWS  
 EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF  
 BRUCE FRANKLIN BURROWS, Deceased  
 ROBERT G. GENIN, JR.  
 FAYRE, GENIN & SCARFIDE  
 Attorneys at Law  
 P.O. Box 70  
 Bay St. Louis, MS 39520  
 228-467-5411  
 01/22/02; 02/05/04

## IN THE CHANCERY COURT

**OF HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST**  
**WILL AND TESTAMENTARY**  
**OF JOAN CUNNINGHAM BURTON, DECEASED**  
**CAUSE NO. C2301-04-059(1)**

Notice is hereby given that the Letters Testamentary on the estate of JOAN CUNNINGHAM BURTON deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 12th day of February, 2004. I, the undersigned, have been named as Executor of the last will and testament of said deceased. I hereby notified to present their claims to the Clerk of said Court and to have them probated for cash to the highest bidder, the following day of the first publication of this notice, failure to do so will bar the claim.

This the 20th day of January, 2004.  
 GEORGE A. BURTON, JR.,  
 EXECUTOR

W. RAYFORD JONES  
 ATTORNEY, GULFPORT, MS  
 01/22/02; 02/05/04

## SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
**COUNTY OF HARRISON**  
**WHEREAS**, on the 29th day of January, 2003, LOREN COGHAN, a single man, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto CTC Real Estate Services, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, as Trustee for Registration Systems, Inc., Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 741 at Page 236, and  
**WHEREAS**, on the 23rd day of December, 2003, the Holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Emily Kaye Courteau, as Trustee of said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 806 at Page 850; and  
**WHEREAS**, said Deed of Trust has been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, and upon which the following described Land is being sold, to-wit:

Lot 55, Second Ward, City of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official map or plat of said city thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.  
 I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.  
 WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 6th day of January, 2004.  
 EMILY KAYE COURTEAU  
 SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE  
 2309 OLIVER ROAD  
 MONROE, LA 71201  
 (337) 330-3020  
 01/15/02; 01/29/02; 02/05/04  
 01/20/02; 02/05/04  
 TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, Chancery Clerk  
 01/29/02; 02/05/04

## IN THE CHANCERY COURT

**OF HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**FIRST NATIONAL BANK AS TRUSTEE**  
**FOR STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES**  
**CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS**  
**THROUGH CERTIFICATES**  
**PLAINTIFF**  
**VS.**  
**RONALD B. COOLEY AND LESLIE S. COOLEY, who present whereabouts, street and post office address are unknown after diligent search and inquiry.**

Notice is hereby given that the First National Bank as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass Through Certificates, SORA TRS-B, this Complaint seeks to reform the Deed of Trust executed by Defendants, Ronald B. Cooley and Leslie S. Cooley to WMC Mortgage Corp. The property which is the subject of this action is situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, and described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing 220 Feet West of the SE corner of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 30, Township 6 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi; thence West 770 feet; thence North 660 feet; thence East 930 feet; thence South 264 feet; thence West 220 Feet; thence South 396 feet to the place of beginning, and being part of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 30, Township 6 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi.

LESS AND EXCEPT THEREFROM:  
 Commencing at the SE corner of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 30, Township 6 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi; thence North 660 feet; thence East 930 feet; thence South 264 feet; thence West 220 Feet; thence South 396 feet to the place of beginning, and being part of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 30, Township 6 South, Range 15 West Hancock County, Mississippi.

Defendants other than you in this action are unknown. You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response of the Complaint filed against you in this civil action to T. Frank Collier, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 4915 I-55 North, Suite 207B, Jackson, Mississippi 39206. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER FEBRUARY 5, 2004, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED.

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Defendants other than you in this action are unknown. You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response of the Complaint filed against you in this civil action to T. Frank Collier, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 4915 I-55 North, Suite 207B, Jackson, Mississippi 39206. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER FEBRUARY 5, 2004, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED.

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## Public Notices

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**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HANCOCK**  
**SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE**  
WHEREAS, Mary A. Kinnerson and Kenneth J. Kinnerson, the husband and wife of D. Rhelce Lumpkin, for the benefit of James S. Weidner and wife, Clara M. Weidner, dated January 20, 2000, and recorded January 10, 2000, in Book 705-706, of the Records of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust on Land in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and  
WHEREAS, a Correction Land Deed of Trust was executed by Mary A. Kinnerson and Kenneth J. Larousse for the benefit of James S. Weidner and wife, Clara M. Weidner, dated September 23, 2003, and recorded September 23, 2003, in Book 790, at pages 743-746, of the Records of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust on Land in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and  
WHEREAS, on the 26th day of January, 2004, the undersigned, Samuel Sam P. Cooper, as Substituted Trustee, through which instrument was recorded on 21st day of January, 2004, in Book 812, at Page 330, of the Records of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust on Land in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and  
WHEREAS, no default having been made in the payment of a portion of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said

Deed of trust having indebted all of the south  
fourth of section 14, township 35 North, range  
for the purpose of paying said indebtedness or as much  
thereof as said sale brings.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sam P. Cooper, Substituted  
Trustee of said trust, will on the 1st day February A.D. 1921,  
within lawful hours offer for sale and will  
sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash,  
at the East front door of the Hancock County  
courthouse in the City of Bay St. Louis, County  
of Hancock, State of Mississippi, the following  
described real property, situated and being in the  
County of Hancock, State of Mississippi; and be-  
cause said property is situated in the NE1/4 of  
NE1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 3, Township  
7 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County,  
Mississippi.

Witness my only title as is vested as  
Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, on this, the 21st  
of January, A.D. 2004.

SAM P. COOPER,  
Substituted Trustee  
01/29/ 02/05/ 02/12/04

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**SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE**  
WHEREAS, on March 19, 1986, Gerald L. Ooten  
and Lora O. Ooten, executed a certain deed  
of trust to James F. McKenzie, Trustee for  
the benefit of First National Bank, a corporation,  
in and to the County of Hancock, State of  
Mississippi in Book 286 at Page 701; and  
WHEREAS, said James F. McKenzie, Trustee  
of said deed of trust, died on March 15, 1991  
and said James F. McKenzie, Trustee by Assumption  
Warranty Deed dated March 15, 1991 and  
recorded in Deed record Book No. BB58  
at Page 28 of the aforesaid Hancock Clerk's  
office; and  
WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was subsequently  
assigned to Mortgage Electronic Registration  
Systems, Inc., by instrument recorded in Deed  
record Book No. 754 at Page 174 of the  
aforesaid Hancock Clerk's office; and  
WHEREAS, Mortgage Electronic Registration  
Systems, Inc., has heretofore substituted Decem-  
ber 15, 1991 as the date of said instrument dated

ber 18, 2003 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 807 at Page 700; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed and said deed is hereby being declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to sell the property set aside said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale;

11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the Main door of the Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, at Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Lot 103 and 104, Silver Creek Acres Subdivision, Hancock County, Mississippi, per plat of said subdivision of record in the office of the chancery clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

And the County of Hancock, Mississippi, as the vendor, to sell such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this 13th day of January, 2004.

GARY MASSEY SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE

Shapiro & Massey, L.L.P.  
1190 Lakeland Drive, Suite B  
Hanksville, MS 39216  
(601) 581-9295  
01/15; 01/22; 01/29; 02/05/04

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
**COUNTY OF HANCOCK**

**TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE**

WHEREAS, on the 10th day of September, 1999, Etta E. Parnell, executed a Deed of Trust to the Hancock County Trust Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the Land Trust Deed Book 565, Pages 648-650, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, having been made by the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and Stuart Company, a Mississippi Corporation, the holder of the Note and Deed of Trust, the undersigned, the Trust Company, do so to, I will on the 27th day of February, 2004, offer for sale at public outcry and sell during the legal hours, between 11:00 a.m. o'clock and 2:00 p.m., at public outcry, the property of the Court House of Hancock County at Bay St. Clarks, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described property lying and being situated in the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi:

attest and certify, County, Mississippi, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: LOT 20, DEER PARK SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, according to the official plat of said subdivision on file in Plat Book 8, Pages 26-28, in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

I will convey only such title as vested in me as Trustee.

WITNESS my signature, upon this, the 30th day of January, 2004, A.D.

CHARLENE ROBERTS  
Trustee

02/05; 02/12; 02/19; 02/26/04

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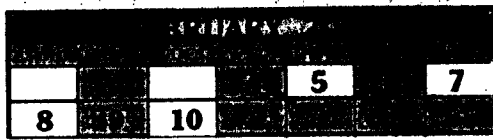
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